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WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Announcement delay frustrates college

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

The waiting game with Queen's Park continues.

Niagara College officials admit the delay in funding confirmation for the college's Master Plan has not only left them feeling "very frustrated" but means the proposed Glendale campus will not open on schedule.

The former provincial NDP government committed over $30 million to the college's Master Plan in the spring of 1994. The Master Plan includes extensive renovations to the Welland campus and the construction of a new campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Upon forming a majority government in Queen's Park on a platform of fiscal restraint, the Progressive Conservatives placed all provincial capital projects under review.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson says he expects the Ontario government will be making a series of capital funding announcements in the next couple of months.

"We hope to be a part of those announcements," Patterson said. "At the same time we also understand the government is struggling with the amount of money available for capital projects."

Patterson says the college is in close contact with the Ministry of Education. He says Education Minister John Snobelin recognizes the college's "excellent case" before him.

"As the government of Ontario sees the kind of vision Niagara College has for the future they will realize that we are very closely tied to their agenda for jobs and economic renewal."

Patterson also expresses frustration with the delays each time expectations rise for an announcement on funding.

"There are too many problems associated with a move to a downtown Niagara Falls location," the new president says.

Lawrence Naftulin, chief executive officer of the Niagara College Foundation, also rules out a move to Niagara Falls. He says the casino announcement appeased Niagara Falls politicians.

"I have a feeling it's no longer on the table. The casino has made those people in Niagara Falls happy," Naftulin says. "I believe it's a dead issue."

Naftulin says the funding announcement delay is a sign for optimism.

"We're not dead yet. We have managed to duck all the bullets so far."

Project manager Warren Yule says the original September 1997 target opening date for the Glendale campus can no longer be reached. He says January 1998 is a reasonable target if funding approval comes soon.

"We're ready to move providing the funding comes through as approved."

'There's been a hold on this for some time and something's got to give' -Patterson

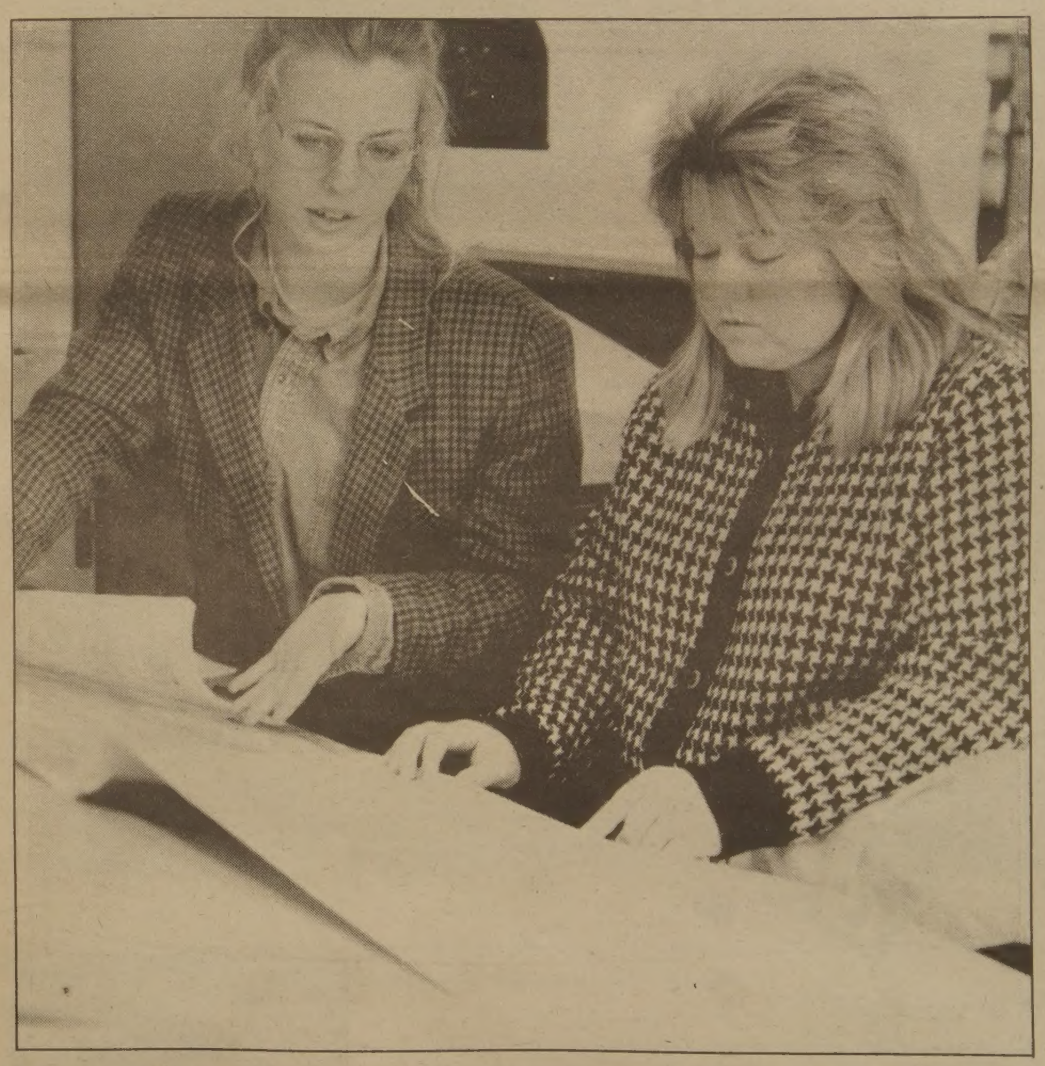
"It has truly been a frustrating experience for everyone involved in the project, including local politicians. There's pressure on the government from the business community, architects and the construction industry for the need to stimulate some activity in the whole capital funding field," says Patterson.

He says the harsh province-wide cuts the government made this past fall may mean "good news" announcements, will be forthcoming this spring.

"There's been a hold on this for some time and something's got to give."

Patterson says he believes the college convinced the Ministry of Education to dismiss a possible move to downtown Niagara Falls.

Closing the books on programs



Tammy Chambers (left) and Karen MacPhail (right) work hard in their third year of the Interior Design Program, which is one of the programs designated to be cut. See story on page 2.

Photo by Netha Neverson

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Bad weather blamed for low attendance

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Froshes took the chill out, literally at the January '96 Orientation.

The cold weather and the blowing snow may have been the reason for such a small student turnout. Only 80 students attended although 350 students were registered. "I believe the weather was a big factor," says Brigitte Chiki, director of student life and success.

The day kicked off with a free pancake breakfast in the Black Walnut building at 8:30 a.m.

Students were greeted by Niagara College President Dan Patterson and Bren Biggs, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president.

At 9:40 a.m., Ed Wilson, human resources development consultant, helped students learn their *True Colors*. This journey of self-discovery helps students identify their personality type and learning style as well as how they relate to students and teachers.

Students were then given a tour of the college campus and taken to their program information session escorted by their froshkeepers, students from the Recreation-Leadership program. Here, they met with program co-ordinators, professors and fellow students.

At 12:30 p.m., students went to After Hours and received a free pizza lunch. Entertainment was provided by musician Mike Woods and Hypnotist Blair Robertson.

A draw was held for Niagara College gear and the top three prizes were awarded to Christian Bougie, a Law and Security Administration student, who won a trip for two to Florida, Tara Armstrong who won a CD ghettoblaster and another student who won a color television.

Students who could not attend the orientation can pick up an orientation package at Merritt Building, Room 103, Welland campus. The package includes a travelling mug, a study tips booklet, and a special edition of the Niagara News.

Douglas Caverly, 22, a January-Start Child and Youth Worker program student, described the orientation saying, "it's spiffy."

Interior Design among program cuts

By NETHA NEVERSON
Staff Writer

Check the cutting list — your class might just be the last one to graduate your program at Niagara College.

A number of programs will not be taking any first-year students after September 1996.

One of the programs that will be "suspended" is the Interior Design program.

All current students will be allowed to finish their program here. The third-year students will finish in April. Second-year students will go into third-year. The first-year students from this year will fast track the program and they will finish a year from June, said Ron Patrick, program co-ordinator.

Patrick said there were four factors cited to him by administration for the ending of the program.

The first was money related. Each program has to pay for itself and has to contribute 30 per cent to the college overhead expenses. This program has not contributed enough.

The second is student demand for the program. Enrolment is down. They should have 45 students and they only have 26, said Patrick.

The third factor is the placement of graduates in the work force. A survey by the Employment Services Office determines if graduates are working in their field of study.

The last factor is the retention rate, or how many students enrol in the program and how many graduate. "The college feels not enough graduate the program."

Patrick said he doesn't agree with the factors. "Every year the number of applicants varies. This year has been the lowest." He said the placement rate has always been very good.

Patrick said "the college feels everyone who enrols in the program should graduate and in this program that's very unrealistic. In most colleges 30 per cent of the students graduate."

"There are 24 programs that do not contribute enough money to the overhead of the college, and 14 programs that contribute less money than the Interior Design program."

He said he doesn't like using these factors to end the program.

Niagara College has been offering the Interior Design program since 1968. Patrick has been the co-ordinator of the program for three years.

"It's safe to say the program changes every year. In June of 1995 they went from a three-year program to a two-year six-term program. That's a drastic change," said Patrick.

Patrick said there are other issues not being considered to keep the program. Patrick said he will be talking to management and the Board of Governors. "The suspension of the program is not supposed to be final. We'll try and change their mind."

He said the program focuses on students becoming more entrepreneurial and getting them ready for the real world. "We are also getting them ready for the private sector, for the public sector and for government jobs."

Patrick said that "taxpayers pay for the students to find jobs in Ontario.

"Most of the programs that are being closed are programs that mainly females enrol in. It's a mistake to drop these programs. These programs offer management positions to women in a public sector that are becoming fewer and fewer," said Patrick.

Some of the programs that have been cut are Theatrical Arts and Fashion Design; courses suspended are Nursing, Health Records Technician and Dental Hygiene. These programs have mostly female enrolment.

"These programs teach women to be more self-sufficient and to take charge of their lives. Some of the programs don't do that," said Patrick.

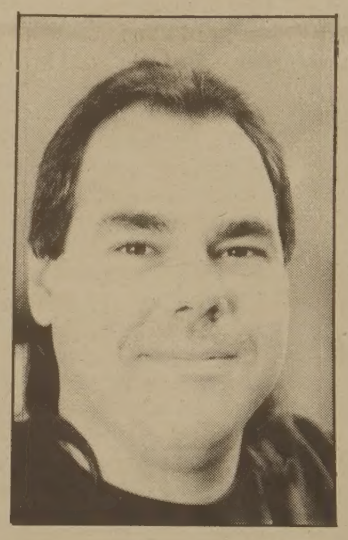
"They can reduce the size of the program without cutting the program. If there's no program, no one will be here. Cutting the program should be the last resort. They should instead cut down on things like phone bills and photocopying," said Patrick.

Anyone from Niagara Region wanting to take similar programs will have to travel long distance after the cut.

"They cut the programs with high female enrolment and that's suspicious. They don't cut the programs with mainly male enrolment and they are more expensive," said Kelley Jackson, a third-year student of the program. Jackson said the college should cut out some of the sports teams.

Patrick said he's not going to retire because he's too young. He might find other teaching jobs around the college.

What are your New Year's resolutions?



Daryn Eden, Niagara College custodian, says his New Year's resolution is to "lose weight and stop smoking."

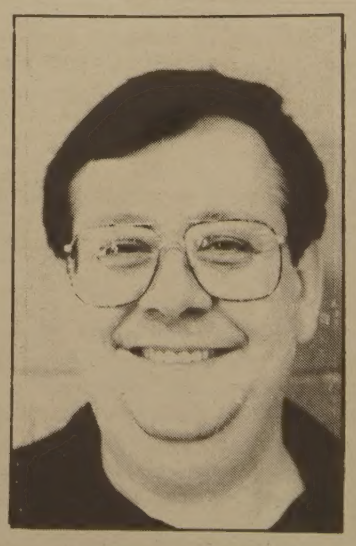
Have you kept past resolutions?

"No. I never last the whole year," says Eden.

First-year Business-Accounting and Finance Administration (Co-op) student **Monique Bisson** has resolved to "quit smoking."

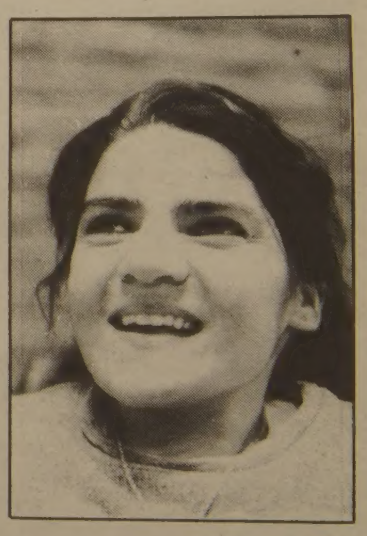
She says she lasted two days but has cut down.

"It's too cold outside to smoke," says Bisson.



Wayne Fowler, a first-year Business-Accounting and Finance Administration student, says "I'm an insurance broker."

He says his resolution is "to make more money."



Asked if she made any resolutions this year, first-year Human Relations student **Indu Pouli** says she made "about 10 of them."

The most relevant to school life is her wish "not to skip classes."

Mack Centre shutting its doors

By STACEY SMITH and LEAH LAPRISE
Staff Writers

The Mike Harris government's cuts have found their way to Niagara College's Mack Nursing Education Centre.

College funding cuts were announced in the provincial government's economic statement in December.

"Our post-secondary funding will decrease by $3.3 million in the fiscal year which starts on April 1, 1996 and we have to take steps to ensure that we continue to operate in a fiscally-responsible manner," said Niagara College President Dan Patterson in a press release.

Directly affected by the cuts will be Niagara's Mack Nursing Education Centre in St. Catharines.

Donna Conradi, year one co-ordinator diploma nursing, says "we were quite amazed and shocked by the decision to suspend" all nursing programs.

Students enrolled in the programs being suspended will be able to complete their programs, but no new students will be accepted.

The college is calling the elimination of the program a "suspension" in order to allow "a three-year time frame in which they may re-start (programs) without having to apply to the government to do so," said Conradi.

She says it is "highly unlikely" the college will reinstate the diploma nursing course, however, there is reason to think the practical nursing program will be brought back in 1997 because it is less costly.

The suspension of the nursing programs had nothing to do with the quality of the courses, but everything to do with the Harris government's cuts, says Conradi.

"Nursing has always been vulnerable because we are expensive," she says.

Christine Clark, community relations spokesperson for the St. Catharines General Hospital, says the nursing students were always "welcomed and appreciated" around the hospital and "everyone is saddened by the situation."

The admissions office at the college has sent letters to students who have already applied for the January-Start program informing them of the program suspensions.

Conradi says Mohawk College in Hamilton will be able to take some of these students, but the rest will have to apply elsewhere.

She says there will be a "definite impact" on the centre's 31 full-time staff members and that staff are expecting layoffs. It is estimated that only 19 full-time jobs will be remaining in September.

"Everyone is working to maintain a positive forward-looking attitude so students aren't feeling any insecurities (about future schooling)," she says.

Students who have missed credits throughout their course of study will have a chance to make them up through continuing education or night school courses.

"We will do whatever we can to provide those courses," says Conradi.

Although the announcement came as a shock, Conradi says the faculty realize students can't be affected in a negative way.

"We have separated our personal responses from our professional obligations."

Mack Centre history

The Mack Training School for Nurses was established in St. Catharines in 1874 by Dr. Theophilus Mack, marking the beginning of nursing education in Canada.

The school was formatted after the Nightingale system which insisted that a school for nurses be under the leadership of a woman who was herself a trained nurse.

In 1967 the school was renamed the Mack Nursing Education Centre.

In 1973 all nursing schools were moved from the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, to the College system. During that year the Mack School of Nursing was amalgamated with the St. Catharines General Hospital and Niagara College.

— With files from the St. Catharines Public Library Special Collections Room

Eugene Maltais, seen here, packs up his collection of shells over the Christmas holidays. Maltais retired in December after 22 years of teaching at Niagara College.

Photo by Lee-Ann Ayres

EFILE@Niagara

By KATHLEEN FERRIS
Staff Writer

Niagara College students will be offered free income tax preparations in March.

It's the first college to host the free electronic (EFILE) tax filing service by Revenue Canada using student volunteers.

The preparation clinics will be held from March 4 through March 22. The location at each of the campuses is yet to be decided.

Brock University was the first program host in March 1995.

The volunteer students from the university completed about 400 returns in two weeks.

Accounting students from the college will be trained by Revenue Canada for one day on returns processed on paper.

"The visual aid is easier for the transformation onto computers," said Margaret McRoberts, EFILE co-ordinator for St. Catharines District Office of Revenue Canada.

A half day using the electronic filing (EFILE) system will also be taught to students.

Through the use of students' returns being filed through computers, the returns will be accurate and processed in a condensed timeframe.

The clients, in most cases, will get money back in two weeks, which is "beneficial to the students," said McRoberts.

The students who volunteer their time will gain a lot of, "experience and satisfaction from helping their fellow students," said McRoberts.

The extra work experience will also look good on their resumes.

The service is geared towards those students who fit the "lower income level and entrepreneurship criteria," said McRoberts and have simpler basic returns.

Volunteer students will also be trained to look for those students who don't realize they may be eligible for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit.

Those students not fitting the criteria are those with returns that are too complex, whose income is too high and those who can't provide supporting documentation, such as rent receipts.

The purpose of the program, "isn't to take business away from the employment community," said McRoberts, but for clients' benefit of the volunteer accounting students.

For more information, please contact McRoberts at Revenue Canada's general inquiries number, (905) 688-4000.

Getting prepared for Wintercourse

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Get ready for five days of fun in the snow with Wintercourse.

"It's the best fun you can have for free," said Lyndon Johnston, Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president athletic affairs.

Today is the last day to register a team of eight members. You can sign up your team at the SAC office in After Hours.

"Wintercourse will let students have some fun before crunch time," said Johnston.

Some of the events for the week include a scavenger hunt on Monday.

The Killjoys will be performing on Tuesday, followed by tug-of-war and toboggan races.

Wednesday will feature Warmup for Spring Day. The events include a pigskin toss, golf tee off and ball hitting. Air bands will perform after Comedy Night on Wednesday.

On Thursday, there will be an earth ball contest, sumo wrestling and a Sega National Hockey League '96 Tournament in the Comfort Zone at After Hours. The Mahones will be playing while hot dogs are cooking on the barbecue for all students. Later that night there will be a Much Music Dance Party also at After Hours.

On Friday, there is a yellow-snow eating contest, chili eating and a milk chug-a-lug.

"There will be a ton of prizes to be given away ... all of the events are challenging and it's going to be great fun," said Johnston.

Awards ceremonies will be held next Friday at 3 p.m.

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Turning over a new leaf

Last term at Niagara College was a time of change in both extremes.

The college body said goodbye to former college president John Saso and welcomed Dan Patterson to the job.

The college expanded its horizons with plans for a new campus and student residence. On the other hand, programs were cancelled and funds were cut back.

New acquaintances and friends were made and, sadly, others were lost. There were disagreements and compromises. There were wins and losses athletically, professionally, academically and personally.

The book has been closed on 1995, and there are only blank pages ahead for the new one. Take a deep breath, grab your pen and dive right in. History is just waiting to be made.

Debbie Cunningham

New beginnings

The season of stress is upon us. The tinsel has been taken off the trees, the decorations have been packed away for the year, and the hum-drum of everyday life is back.

After so many months of anticipation and preparation the holiday season comes and goes before we know it. In its wake lie a mound of bills, a sluggish economy, and the pressure to keep New Year's resolutions.

The new year begins with hope and expectation, and well it should. It is the chance to start over. Give that diet a fresh go, start managing finances better, work out at *least* three times a week, quit smoking, swear off nail biting — it's different for every person, yet the same. People think turning the calendar back to square one will solve all their problems. Then halfway through January when their problems still exist, many get depressed, give up on their resolutions and fall back into old habits.

It isn't necessary to wait for the new year to get things under way. Every day holds the promise of a new beginning.

Rather than wallowing in misery because the bills have piled up, we could congratulate ourselves as we successfully took care of one bill at a time. Rather than dreading three or four more months of dreary, cold weather, we could get out and enjoy it, maybe losing the extra 10 pounds we vowed to shed instead of taking on a four-month sentence of plopping down in front of the television.

Rather than wishing for the entire term that summer would hurry up and get here so we didn't have to sit in the confines of classrooms, perhaps we could actually apply ourselves and improve our grades like we swore when the clock struck midnight on Jan. 1.

Any step forward is a positive move in the right direction. When we look back on this year next December, we'll find it reflects not the resolutions we made, but the attitudes we keep.

Laury Reid

Letters to the Editor

'Quality education' at Niagara

Dear Editor:

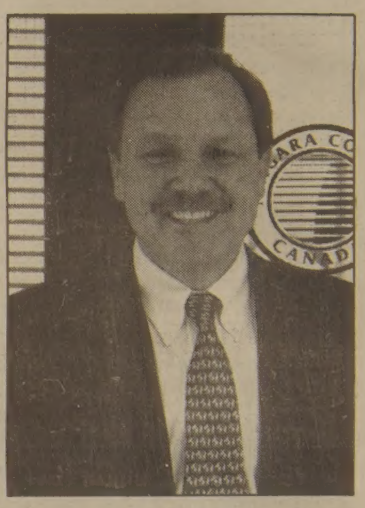
Many of you will have heard by now about some of our full-time programs being suspended.

The official announcement was made on Dec. 18 following a meeting of the Board of Governors held the previous evening.

I want to reassure you that everyone who is in these programs now will be able to complete their studies at Niagara College. The term "suspension" refers only to future intakes. The college remains committed to providing you with a quality education to prepare you for a successful future and we intend to assist you in any way that we can.

This difficult decision to suspend these full-time, post-secondary programs was part of the college's strategy to deal with the recent Economic Statement by the provincial government. Our post-secondary funding will decrease by $3.3 million in the fiscal year which starts on April 1, 1996 and we have taken these steps to ensure that we continue to operate with a balanced budget.

The programs being phased out include: Interior Design, Manufacturing Engineering Technology (Co-op) and Nursing. There will also be no intake of Practical Nursing in 1996 only. Some changes are being made to the curriculum and program delivery of our Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene programs for students entering those programs in the future.



DAN PATTERSON

The suspensions are part of a system-wide rationalization of programs and are based on a number *of factors such as employment* opportunities, enrolment, financial viability and program availability at other colleges.

We wish you continued success with your studies and future career and I personally look forward to the day when I can present you with your Niagara College diploma at convocation.

Sincerely,
Dan Patterson, President.

Retired teacher thanks students

Dear Editor:

To the student who sent me the dish garden over the holidays, I would like to express my sincere appreciation. I have already identified all the plants in the little garden and they are all very healthy.

I was given a similar garden when my father died, and, through a policy of benign neglect, was able to keep it growing for about six years.

Hopefully, I will keep this garden growing even longer. If it does it will be a daily reminder of your thoughtfulness and of the thousands of students it was my pleasure to meet over the past 22 years as a teacher at Niagara College.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Gene Maltais

Your opinions welcome

Your voice or opinion is welcome in our Letters to the Editor section. Our policy regarding letter submission is:

1. All letters must be received on the Friday one week prior to publication.
2. Each letter must include the student's name, college identification number and program of study.
3. All letters must be signed and include a day and evening phone number for verification use only.

All letters can be mailed or brought to the Niagara News newsroom, Rm. S212, Simcoe Building, Welland campus.

PERSPECTIVES

Disorganization causes problems at registration

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

It amazes me that an institution dedicated to learning can be the most disorganized place on earth. I'm in the fourth term of a two-year program and until now the horror stories about registration were only stories for me.

At the beginning of every term I have had no problems, I was registered, my Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) was there on time, I just got my schedule and started classes. Until now. This term I wasn't registered although I was told three days before classes started that I was registered and would be getting my schedule any day. When I tried to pick up my OSAP, I was told I wasn't registered until I payed a $100 deposit. When I went to pay the hundred bucks I was told I had to pay more than $800. Each department told me something different and no one was right.

Eventually I straightened out the mess and got a schedule, a schedule that was missing a course I need to graduate. The course was added to my schedule after standing in the famous lines that criss-cross Niagara College for weeks after classes start. Unfortunateley I'm not the only student at the college who has to struggle through the disorganization just to attend college.

Whoever told me that I was registered and that everything was hunky-dory was obviously wrong. If I hadn't tried to pick up my OSAP forms, I still wouldn't know what was going on. The fact that I wasn't registered was a small mistake, probably blamed on a computer. The fact that the college neglected to inform me about the problem is a mistake that could have really screwed up my life.

Just the fact that no department knows what the rest of the college is doing is very frustrating for students. A sign I read while standing in line stated "a winner would say there has to be a better way while a loser would say this is the way it has always been done." I say there has to be a better way.

Disco's back

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Hippy age, disco age and pre Madonna. Which style is it this year?

Fashion repeats itself. It seems we've returned to the disco age. Platform shoes and big-legged pants are in style. Niagara College pub had a disco night on Jan. 18. I bet it wasn't hard for people to find something in their wardrobes for this occasion.

I think some people don't like what they're wearing but that's what's in style at the moment.

Fashion is never practical. I have seen girls with short skirts and knee high nylons in the winter. There is a time and place to wear short skirts and knee high nylons, but not when it's below zero outside.

It seems whenever the economy is up, so are the skirts. Whenever the economy is down, the skirts are to the ankles.

Must every woman own a different skirt for every season's new length?

People seem to have more sense in fashion than in their pockets.

Police need help searching for robbery suspects

CRIME STOPPERS OF NIAGARA
1-800-263-TIPS

Crime Stoppers and Niagara Regional Police investigators are looking for information to help solve a recent robbery in St. Catharines.

Around 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, a local woman was making a withdrawal from an instant teller machine located at the North End Plaza, 105 Lakeshore Rd. As she was waiting for the transaction to be processed, she was approached by three young males. One of the males was brandishing a knife and he demanded money from the woman. This individual was just a few feet from the victim and the bank machine when he reached out and removed the money from the machine.

All three males fled on foot and were last seen behind the plaza. The area was searched by police. Investigators believe one of the suspects fell into a nearby swimming pool while making his escape.

The bandits are described as Suspect #1: male white, 15 to 16 years, 5'4" to 5'6" tall, slim build, wearing a dark balaclava, dark baggy pants and a dark jacket; Suspect #2: male white, 15 to 18 years, 5'9" to 6' tall, thin build, wearing beige jacket with hood over his head and dark pants; Suspect #3: male white, 15 to 18 years, 5'7" to 5'9" tall, wearing all dark clothing.

If you have information regarding this robbery, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE FORCE

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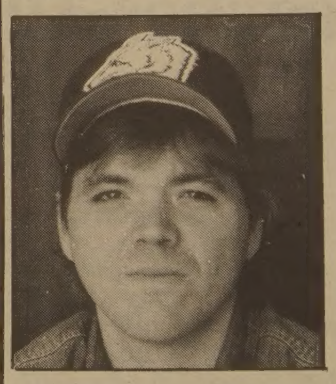
Reflecting on the hardships of '95



By RON WOLF
Staff Writer

It's difficult to decide what good came from 1995. Each of us must answer that for ourselves.

According to the media, we learned that war still raged in the former Yugoslavia and innocent children lost their lives for no reason at all when a bomb went off in the United States.

While poor people thousands of miles away were fighting for survival, a similar war was going on in Canada — a war with our own government. Some homeless died while others became homeless.

In America, a one-time hero of sports was put on trial for murder.

Some say justice for O.J. was a joke. When the verdict was reached, no one really cared if he was guilty or innocent. It was finally over.

In 1995, it seemed a city lost its innocence. St. Catharines was almost unknown to the world before last year. Suddenly, everyone knew where it was and what happened there.

If history has taught us anything, it's this: anyone can be killed and it's the criminals and not the victims that are remembered. Paul Bernardo will always be remembered for what he did, but his victims will all soon be forgotten.

We remembered what Lizzy Borden did over 100 years ago but do we remember her victims?

What were the names of the victims of the Holocaust in the Second World War? We all remember Hitler and a few of his key men.

Newspapers have always catered to people such as Hitler and Bernardo and their crimes. They make front-page news.

Good news will never be on the front pages of newspapers. Front pages are reserved for gory pictures and their stories.

What good came out of 1995? It's up to each of us to decide.

Niagara News now available weekly

Art tells the story at Ninavik gallery

By SUSAN DERUITER
Staff Writer

Ninavik is a native art gallery in Jordan, Ont. Visitors have an experience in viewing, understanding and appreciating native Canadian art.

"The Inuit choose different mediums to tell their story," said Scott Daly, partner, "and we in turn choose different pieces of their works of art to tell their story here."

The Gallery, at 3845 Main St., was founded by the VerMeulen family 20 years ago. The family began to appreciate and collect native art as they developed educational material for native school boards. The gallery was an outgrowth.

"This allows us to do what we have to do and still make it interesting and fun," said Daly. "We meet lots of interesting people."

Large and small carvings fill the gallery, ranging in price from $50 to several thousand dollars.

"Size and price have little to do with enjoyment," said Daly. "It's our fun, an opportunity to share our art works."

While many of the works reflect a more traditional style, the owners of ninavik also search out new artists with a more contemporary style. Each year the partners choose works from renowned carvers and younger artists who may one day be famous.

"It is my job to find the master pieces of the future now," said Daly.

Works are bought through community co-operatives and each piece is tagged and numbered by the government. The number allows the purchaser to obtain information about the artist and guarantees its authenticity.

"Our sales of Canadian native art help to continue and promote a positive economic base for many of the native people," states the gallery's brochure. "Your interest and your purchases allow for a continued searching for positive cultural values in the relentlessly changing environment of the Canadian native people."

Gallery partners Carla and Scott Daly will enthusiastically share their appreciation and knowledge of the history and craftsmanship of the works that adorn ninavik.

The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. During the summer it is open seven days a week.

For more information call 1-800-646-2848 or fax (905) 562-8888.

The carvings of Inuit artists are a medium for keeping legends alive. Visitors can learn of these legends and view their art at ninavik in Jordan, Ont. **Photo by Susan DeRuiter**

Aboriginal culture displayed through movies

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

Aboriginal history, culture and rights are taught by Niagara College's Native Cultural Discussion Group.

Meeting weekly, the group brings attention to different aspects of native life including government treaties with First Nations.

The evening begins with a pizza supper followed by movies portraying natives in different regards. Some of the movies include *500 Nations, The Joseph Brant Story and Shehaweh.*

The idea behind the discussion group is to learn through movies, presentations and discussions.

"I find it easier and a more casual atmosphere to present a topic to generate discussion rather than just say it," says Douglas Robbins, literacy co-ordinator.

The discussion group was organized by Robbins because "there didn't seem to be much of a forum to teach aboriginal culture.

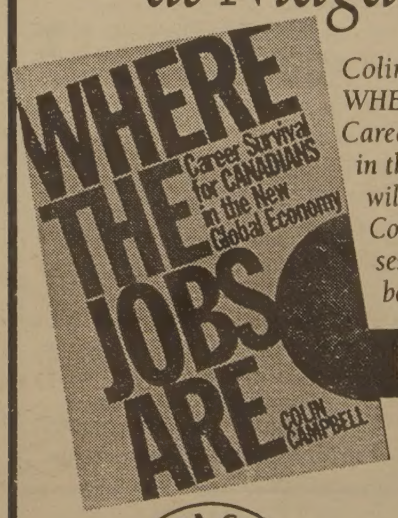
"As long as everyone respects others' opinions then the group approach will work and a lot can be learned," says Robbins.

The group welcomes everyone. Robbins says even children, accompanied by adults, find it interesting to learn more about their roots.

There is no fee to attend the sessions and no need to register.

The discussion group meets on Wednesdays 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the Niagara Regional Native Center in Niagara-on-the-Lake, at the corner of Queenston and Taylor Roads. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information, Robbins can be reached at 641-4498.

Colin Campbell
at Niagara College



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Child and Youth Worker program reaches 100 students

Still waiting for ministry approval

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Although off to a late start, the Child and Youth Worker (CYW) Program has achieved an enrolment of about 100 students.

The three-year program, which was to begin in January 1995, got off the ground in September 1995. In September about 60 students enrolled, and almost 40 students started in January.

Neil McGregor, director of Community Studies, says the course had to wait to be approved by the Ministry of Education.

Part-time teachers Julie Cringle, Richard Knabenscuh, Wendy Luce, and Laurie Blake teach the program.

McGregor says he feels the program is necessary and graduates should be able to achieve a position anywhere in the country.

"We know all (social) agencies will be impacted by cuts, and (the agencies) will be struggling to find out ways to adapt to doing more with less funding, but the Child and Youth worker is still needed by many agencies," says McGregor.

Full-time teachers have not been hired for a number of reasons. The program's recent start means courses are being prepared a semester at a time. The part-time teachers that are currently available are capable of teaching the curriculum as it is laid out, says Beverly Brown, co-ordinator of both the CYW program and the Human Relations program.

Government cutbacks are also influencing hiring. "Teachers that are on staff will hopefully be filling in, instead of (the college) going outside and hiring.

"The intention was to have the program start with no extra costs or expense," says Brown, adding, that if staff is laid off because of government cuts, outside hiring is not necessary.

Work experience will be part of the course from now on. Because of the introduction of mandatory general education courses, which would have interfered with the timetable, work experience wasn't included in the first semester. A meeting will be called to decide what work experience will be.

Brown says that as co-ordinator she is responsible for organizing the curriculum for teachers, assisting teachers in writing outlines. dealing with student problems (such as timetable conflicts), and teaching. So far, Brown says, she is enjoying her position.

YOUR HEALTH

College's best kept secret—the health centre

BY DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

It seems Niagara College's best kept secret is the one place in this school that every student and college employee should be intimately familiar with — the health centre and its services.

At the Welland campus, the health centre is located at L20 in the Lundy Wing, across from the Donut Diner and the Voyageur Wing. Look for the bent arrow hanging from the ceiling.

Carolyn Hurst, R.N., is the nurse for the Welland campus and the gatekeeper of a wide range of services for students and staff that go beyond basic first aid and information pamphlets.

A resource room of information on medicine-related issues is available for students doing research papers on topics such as smoking, alcohol, or AIDS.

'Everthing is confidential'
—Hurst

Health counselling is offered on a variety of subjects.

Hurst says she's dealt with unexpected pregnancies and individuals who are "emotionally stressed, feeling suicidal.

"They need support and it's good to know they have it. Everything is confidential."

Hurst says she helps them decide what to do and no matter what they decide, she will do a follow-up to see how they are doing.

She also deals with the many aspects of nutrition, "helping people reduce or do whatever they want to do but to do it wisely."

Areas covered in the past have been the eating disorders of anorexia nervosa and bulimia, diet, cholesterol and blood pressure monitoring.

Stress is a big area of concern.

"We know that stress is created by our thoughts and a lot of it is reaction to whatever is happening in our environment.

"If we don't deal with them (stressful situations) adequately, they do create problems. We know it's been proven...that stress decreases your immune system and stress makes you more susceptible to injury."

Community referrals can be made to help students and staff find the assistance they need.

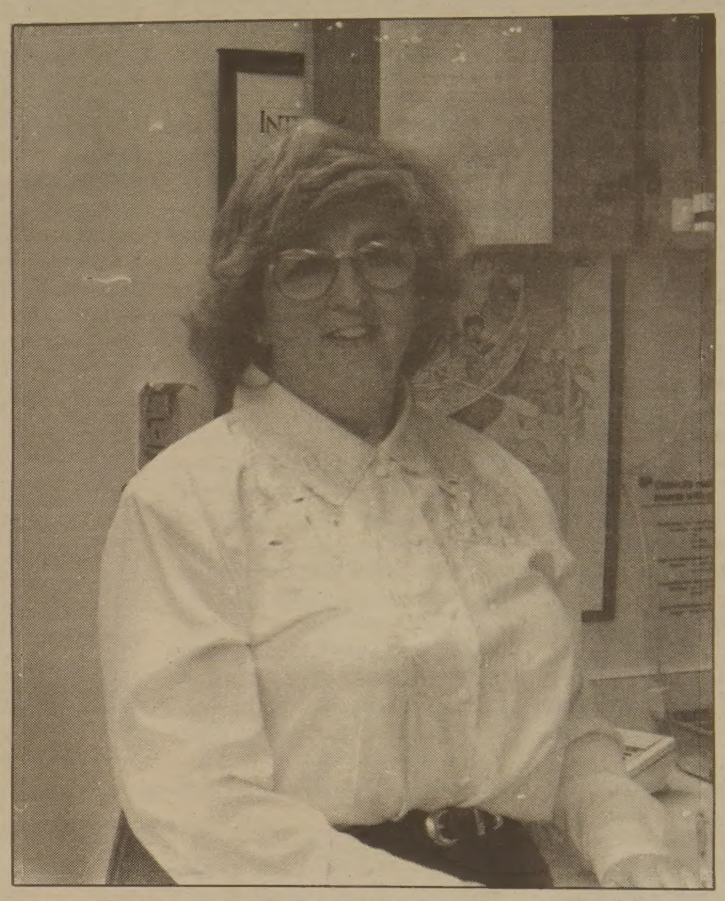
In cases of sexual assault, the individuals "don't know where to turn to so they'll start off here and we'll refer them out, give them outside support as well as inside support."

First aid help is available as well as over-the-counter medications for episodic illness like flu, nausea and headaches.

"Meditation is a wonderful thing for headaches. For migraine sufferers, meditation is the best, and visualization.

"To do those kinds of things you need a quiet place and where is there a quieter place around this campus than here?"

Hurst says if you are interested in learning these methods, she can help you find the people who can teach you.



Carolyn Hurst, nurse for the Welland Campus health centre, is waiting to help you.

Photo by Debbie Cunningham

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- immunizations
- over-the-counter medications
- health pamphlets, resources and information

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Thursday — Hospitality and Tourism Centre, ext. 3642

Dr. Colin Zides, from Welland General Emergency, comes in one morning a week for two hours. The day changes each week depending on his work schedule.

Hurst says a lot of students are from out of town or can't find a doctor to take them on as a patient so they can have general check-ups and physicals done here by making an appointment. In some cases, these procedures are covered by OHIP. Third party medical is not included.

Immunization shots can be received at the health centre also. In October, flu shots were done and shots for hepatitis B, the inflammation of the liver, are available all year.

Hurst says hepatitis B is becoming "an occupational hazard" so this shot is "strongly advised" for anyone who comes into contact with bodily fluids or with people who have unpredictable behavior.

Stress is a big area of concern.

One of the jobs of the college nurse is to keep track of outbreaks, both within the college and the community by way of the Public Health department.

Birth control information is available, as well as condoms and information on sexually transmittable diseases.

Women can come in for an examination first and then be prescribed birth control pills. If they already have a prescription, they should bring it in and receive one from the doctor.

"I have a nice little deal with Public Health," says Hurst, "where women from the college can go over there and get their pills for $5 a month rather than the $20 they pay at the pharmacy while they are college students."

This "little deal" is with the birth control centres in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland.

"The sexually transmittable diseases (control of) I am really pushing because they are just rampant. My favorite poster is the one that says you're sleeping with every partner your partner ever had and I think that is so true."

Hurst says in this "age and stage of sexual liberation" these diseases "are really prevalent and you really have to be a cautious consumer and be aware."

"Awareness is the big thing."

Volunteers needed

BY DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

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Measles blitz concerning many in the region

By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

The recent measles blitz announcement from the Niagara Region is concerning many people.

The Niagara Region Health Department has dedicated Feb. 1 to March 28 to vaccinating all school-age children, from kindergarten to Grade 12.

No one over the age of 20 should worry about vaccinations because it is believed that if you have not had measles by 20, then you probably have antibodies protecting you from the disease.

Measles tend to have cyclical outbreak periods, which means the outbreak periods vary. There are years with high numbers of cases and years with low numbers of cases.

There were 2000 measle cases reported provincewide in 1995, and 1996 is predicted to be an outbreak year.

There was a measles outbreak in Quebec and Ontario in 1991 causing five deaths in Quebec.

The health department was hoping to have all consent forms for the vaccinations in by Jan.15 and to have all students vaccinated by the spring.

The spring months are typically the months with the most reported outbreaks among school age children.

Symptoms of the Red Measles include a rash, runny nosé, high fever and white blisters on the inside of the mouth. The measles are highly contagious, especially among young school-aged children who interact with each other, said Karen Chudzik, co-ordinator of the measles program.

The Niagara health department is working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to vaccinate all children against the measles.

WHO's goal is to eliminate the measles by the year 2000. One million children die worldwide each year because of the measles.

One in five per cent of measle cases result in pneumonia, five to nine per cent result in ear infections and three in every 1,000 cases result in death.

Mack Nursing students will be helping the Niagara Regional Health Department with the vaccinations.

With files from the Niagara Region Health Department

The Fine Grind Cafe is a 'little Cheers'

BY WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

Seven years of classical literature studies at Brock University, two years of research across Canada and a shoestring budget, have put Michelle Ryder where she wants to be, managing her own cafe.

The 26-year-old Cayuga-Caledonia native, who has lived in St. Catharines for seven years, thought it through and liked the idea of being her own boss. Ryder's dad always said he would back her financially if she had a business idea. He did, when she opened the Fine Grind Cafe on Queen Street in St. Catharines.

Six months after graduating, and after considerable research, Ryder approached her father for the money to start. The cafe idea grew from visits to similar establishments in Toronto and Vancouver.

"This place fell in my hands," said Ryder, from her cafe near the corner of St. Paul and Queen streets. "I didn't know if it would work, without having $150,000 to spend."

Funding from her father was enough to buy licenses and meet a few basic needs, but it left her with only $300 for decoration.

The empty cafe, two rooms — one 20 feet by 20 feet and the other 20 feet by eight feet, was a pale yellow and, said Ryder, "needed something."

She painted the rooms in "warmer" dark colors. Adding to the ambience, she filled the rooms with artwork gleaned from local artists and pottery from Forks Road Pottery in Wainfleet, Ont.

Next, she created a little library, put up some plants and purchased a "journal" that customers and staff use as a sounding board.

Since June 1995, the cafe has built a small but loyal clientel. Ryder said they are a wide group of people ranging from their teens to middle age.

"The bulk of them are university and college grads," said Ryder.

An array of specialty coffees, teas, juices and shakes, augment light fare such as pita pizza and sandwiches.

Wanting her desserts to be different, Ryder went about finding out who made a good pie and arranged for that person to bake for the cafe. She did the same with her cakes and other desserts.

Fine Grind is a quiet place with upbeat, but not overpowering music, and a talkative client base. Much of the music is supplied by customers who bring in CDs and tapes they want to hear.

Ryder said she didn't want the usual "cafe jazz" and admits that the music can get a "little raucous" after midnight.

She and her staff are proud of the friendly environment they have created. They stress the "friendly and personable" approach to customer service.

"I think people like the idea they can come in and strike up a conversation," said Ryder. "We call it little Cheers. Once I found out who my customers were it helped me to bring out the atmosphere."

Fine Grind Cafe is open Tuesday to Saturday from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to "late."

Michelle Ryder serves up a slice of "Margo's Chocolate Cheesecake" to one of the Fine Grind Cafe's regulars.
Photo by Will Webster

Collins gets the vote

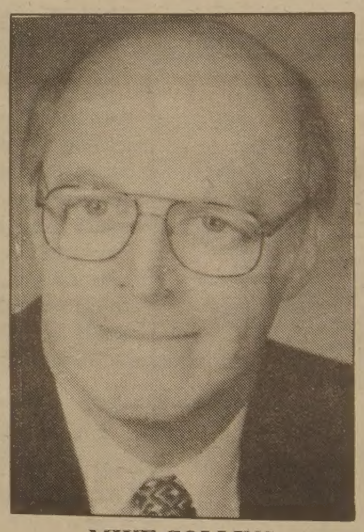
By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

St. Catharines City Council has a new yet familiar face.

Mike Collins, 51, an English instructor at Niagara College, was returned to city council in a byelection on Dec. 5, after a 17-year absence. Collins also served on Niagara Regional Council from 1985 until 1994.

Collins defeated nine other candidates for the vacant seat in St. George's Ward. The seat was vacated by political veteran John Washuta, who retired for health reasons.

Out of 16,000 eligible voters, only 2,600 voted. Collins beat his closest competitor by 300 votes. "The election was a lot of fun. I got to meet some wonderful people," he says.



MIKE COLLINS
"I have to get down to work as a member of council, and so far it's been very enjoyable."

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Small library offers many resources

By PAULINE POSTILL
Staff Writer

The variety of resources offered in a small library, and working with students are the best part of Maria Edelman's job.

Edelman is the librarian at Niagara College's Welland Vale campus in St. Catharines.

"We are able to accommodate various learning styles, and we have the resources through books, videos and the CD-ROM. Students are encouraged to search the CD-ROM and the vertical files for information they need," said Edelman.

The CD-ROM was purchased by the St. Catharines Student Senate in June 1994.

"We used to have one CD-ROM for finding magazine articles, but now we need two because the information is being processed so rapidly."

"We have ordered the books with the money allocated the libraries by Student Administrative Council (SAC). We ordered them later than the other campuses did."

The library provides services to the Continuing Education students as well as former students. The collection is oriented to trades and adult basic education.

There is a computer lab in the library, and there are three different computers here. The Icon computers are set up with educational software such as grammar, math and science programs. There are four Tandy computers with WordPerfect 5.1 and Lotus 1-2-3, which are networked terminals to the file server upstairs.

"This lab is open when the library is open, and we have 34 periods a week booked by various classes," said Edelman. Students are welcome to come in before or after class, as well as in the evenings, to work on the computers.

The students seem to be pleased with the DYNIX system, a computer system that enables the students to see what books are available at the other campuses.

"Usually we can have the information to the students in a day or two," said Edelman.

Along with Edelman there are two library technicians. Irene Masun works at the Mack Nursing Education Centre and at Welland Vale campus. Beth Dupuis is the night library technician.

"I like working with people," said Masun. "I find it challenging to find out what the students' needs are for projects and finding the information through the college or through the community, and I'm looking forward to the new campus at Niagara-on-the-Lake."

Julia Richardson, 54, of St. Catharines is a part-time student in the Basic Training for Skill Development program. "It is an adult program for upgrading review work from high school and college entrance," said Richardson.

Richardson has been a registered practical nurse for 35 years and is learning how to use the computers. "I'm finding them easy to use," she said.

Hours at the Learning Resource Centre are are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m Monday to Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m on Fridays.

Coming soon to Niagara

By MILAN DURCO
Staff Writer

A new builder has been found for Niagara College's Welland campus residence.

Hans van der Slagt, Niagara's vice-president of administration, said a college committee chose Campus Living Centres (CLC) of Belleville, Ont., to build the residence.

After a previous builder's contract had expired because of lack of funding, CLC was chosen.

Various contractors were notified about the project.

Van der Slagt said a builder with experience in building and management was chosen.

CLC will be responsible for erecting the college's $4.5 million residential project.

Construction for the 200-bed residence is expected to begin in March 1996. The new residence is expected to take six months to build and be ready for students in September, said Van der Slagt.

A survey conducted by Niagara indicates demand will exceed the supply for students wanting to live on campus.

Of the 4,000 full-time students attending Niagara College, 15 to 20 per cent (600 to 800 students) need accommodations every year, said Van der Slagt.

A monthly rental fee of $350 to $400 can be expected, but has not yet been determined, Van der Slagt added.

"The residence is an independent operation, not subsidized by the government and separate from Niagara College," he said.

"Tuition rates will not be affected due to the construction of the residence.

"The site will make the college more attractive and competitive, by bringing students to Niagara plus increasing enrolment," said Van der Slagt.

On-campus services are expected to increase business hours once the residence is in operation.

Van der Slagt said the residence is a part of the college's $10-million master plan designed to consolidate all student services and to renovate the school to make it more accesible for students.

"Some details are still to be worked out, but I am confident it will pull through," said Van der Slagt.

College des Grands Lacs a needed institution

By JENNIFER BACON
Staff Writer

How important is a bilingual education?

For many students at College des Grands Lacs, a new French language college for the Niagara Region's French community, the college is a needed institution.

Sylvie Arseneau, 20, of St. Catharines, said she chose to study at College des Grands Lacs "because it was French and inexpensive."

Arseneau said she feels it's important to study in French, and since she is starting to "loose" her French, the college may help her refresh it. She said she hopes the French will give her a better chance at finding a job in her field.

Arseneau is in her first year of Accounting studies at College des Grands Lacs. She said she enjoys the course but doesn't like the fact she is the only student in her program, at the Welland campus.

College des Grands Lacs is a distance education college. Campuses in Welland, Toronto, Penetang, Windsor and Hamilton are linked through computers and satellite screens.

The college is temporarily located within Ecole secondaire Confederation, on Tanguay Avenue in Welland. Many of the college's students are former graduates of the high school.

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St. Catharines celebrates 200 years

BY DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

St. Catharines celebrates the bicentennial of its name with a year of celebrations.

According to John N. Jackson and Sheila M. Wilson, authors of *St. Catharines Canada's Canal City*, the settlement was named after Catharine Hamilton upon her death in 1796.

She was the wife of Robert Hamilton, a wealthy fur trader and politician whose endeavors had a great influence on the development of the region. Catharine was seen as possessing "those virtues that adorn humanity" and when she died, her husband gave land to the settlement for a church "at St. Catharines."

A new city logo has been created for this occasion — the image of one of the Butler's Rangers, the soldiers who fought to protect the Niagara Frontier from the rebellious British colonists during the American Revolution. When the war ended, they settled in this area on land granted by the British government.

This logo will appear on all official city documents and possibly on a coin.

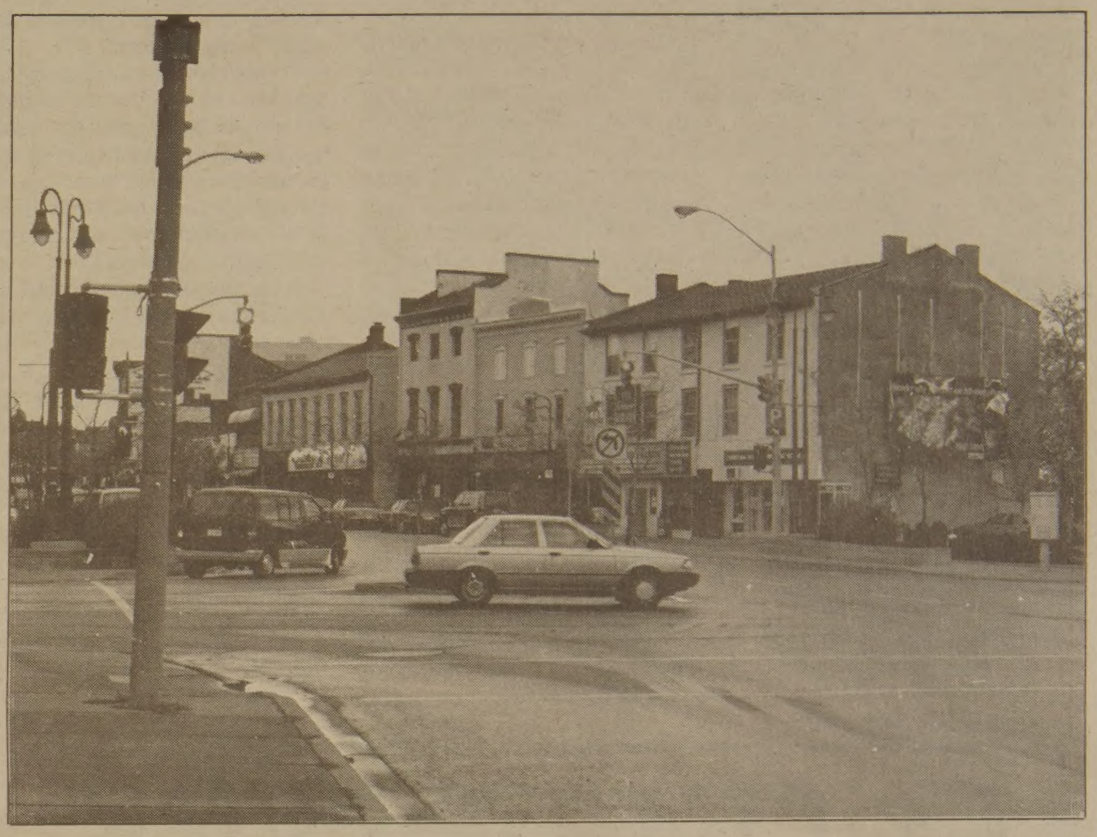
St. Catharines Mayor Al Unwin said the city is looking into having a special $2 coin minted with this logo. It would then be legal tender for two months.

On Saturday, Feb. 17 at 11 a.m., the St. Catharines Museum at Lock 3 will host the opening ceremonies. The event will include period costumes and music and will be attended by politicians and the public.

Many related events and projects have been planned for the year.

Donations will be collected for a commemorative plaque, local schools will be encouraged to get involved in the events, the museum will exhibit the 1796 document and other artifacts, and Rodman Hall Art Gallery will exhibit the work of Niagara artists over the past 200 years.

Mayor Unwin said he hopes for an "enhanced Canada Day celebration" on July 1st.



St. Catharines was first settled not far from the intersection of St. Paul and Ontario Streets near Twelve Mile Creek.

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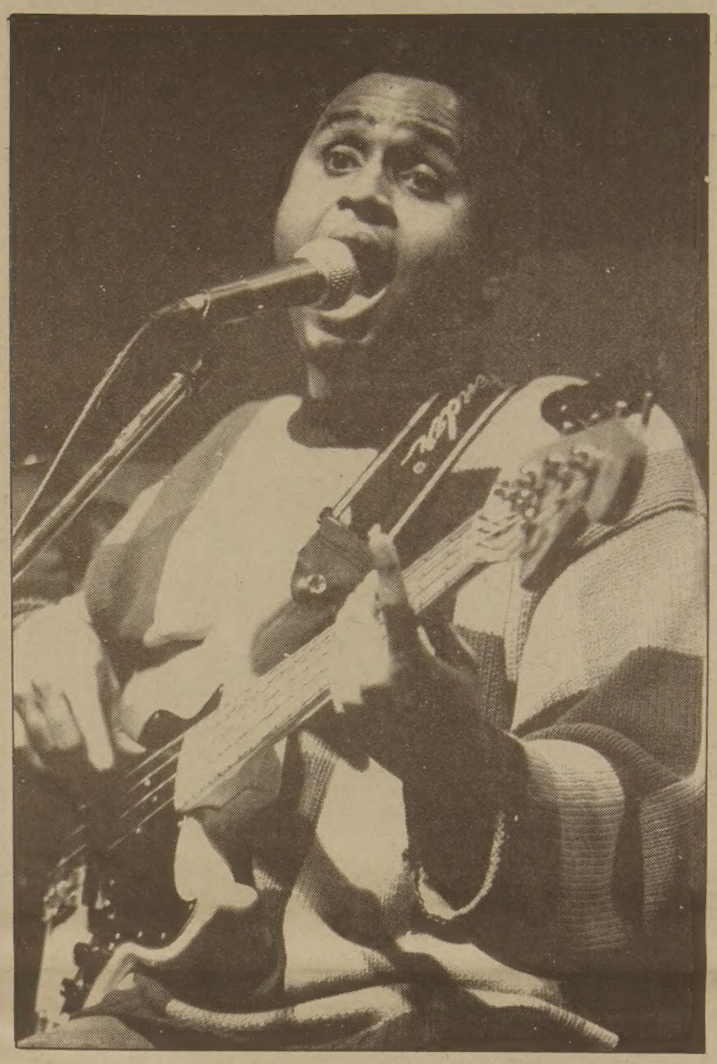
Funk-based trio grooves again



Chin (left), and Mystic of Bass is Base.

Photos by Jeff MacKay

By JEFF MACKAY and SALVADOR RAMOS JR.
Staff Writers

If you missed the "*Funkmobile*" you missed the funked-up ride to the "*SoulShack*."

Toronto's Bass is Base turned After Hours into the "Funkhouse" by letting loose their thick grooves.

The two-year-old band formed after they met at the Music West seminar in 1993 where they played a gig together, and they have been a trio ever since.

Members of the band include Chin on vocals and bass; Ivanna on vocals, keyboards, and trumpet; and Mystic on vocals, rap, and percussion.

Their music is described in a press release as "a secret sauce of funk, rap, R&B, soul and a few unknown ingredients." This blend of music led to an award for their video for the song "*Funkmobile*" at the Canadian Music Video Awards presented by MuchMusic. Another award was given to the band for "Best R&B/Soul Recording" for their first album **First Impressions For The Bottom Jigglers**.

They are now playing shows for their latest album **Memories of the SoulShack Survivors**, around Canada and a few shows in the U.S.

"The American audiences really got into the music. They really accepted us," said Chin. The band has played shows in Southern Ontario, Quebec and on the west coast, and plans on playing areas they have not been to yet.

Chin said they want to play as many towns as possible to get their music known. The show at After Hours was the first time the band had ever been to Welland. That night they were heading to Barrie for another first show.

The crowd at After Hours got into the music and was singing along with the band by the end of the set. "The band, music and crowd should be one," said Chin of the shows that they play, and the way the band involved the crowd at the college displayed their talent for being able to draw a large group of people into their show.

A love of music is obviously what drives this group as no one in the group sticks out more than any member. "Our music has no formula. We're always being creative," said Chin. "A song usually comes from us just humming a riff or tapping a beat and everyone will just join in and then we will transfer that to our instruments."

Their musically-oriented families have always been supportive of their music and have even helped on the recordings of the latest album. Chin's father even helped him build a recording studio in their basement. The latest album even features some family members in various roles.

This band works as a group probably better than any other today. This may come from their love of music and their goal is "to become better musicians," said Chin.

Misfits Compilation Two adds to confusion

By MARK FERENCE
Staff Writer

In nearly all interviews with rock 'n' roll's man of mystery, Glenn Danzig, any mention of his previous devil-locked punk band, the Misfits, would result in absolute silence.

Indeed, there are many reasons why Danzig had problems talking about the underground New Jersey-based outfit he once fronted.

Matters become even more confused now that Danzig has released **Misfits Compilation Two** on Caroline Records. We can speculate why. We're sure it had something to do with ex-band members Jerry Only and Doyle. Nevertheless, it's the music that counts, and count it does.

Misfits Compilation Two is 20 tracks every Misfits fan always needed and could only previously try to decipher on scratched, probably bootlegged, 45s. Now it's all in front of you in great quality on disc.

It's a mix of tasteful melodies and horror at its best. Moments are reserved to let us all know who really can sing *Last Caress* and *Attitude. Rat Fink,* however repetitive it is, seems to catch your tongue. *Return of the Fly* captures how the Misfits were born. It's all here, from *We are 138* to *Halloween One* to *Braineaters* and *Coughcool.*

In the same fashion as their first compilation, number two hits every aspect of the band. The CD is a clear reflection of one of the greatest punk bands that simply got lost in the basement, remembered by few.

With the break-up of the band Danzig in the early fall of 1995, there seems to be a small Misfits revival. Look for a 104-song boxed set slated for release on Feb. 27. It won't be hard to spot either. It's to be in the shape of a coffin.

Frampton makes you come alive

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

It's like being at a concert when you listen to Peter Frampton's debut CD **Frampton Comes Alive II**.

About 20 years ago, Peter Frampton released **Frampton Comes Alive**, a musical landmark which is still his best-selling album of all time. Part two was recorded at Image Recording Inc., Hollywood, Calif. The performance took place in Fillmore West Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.

The tour, which spawned **Frampton Comes Alive II**, started in clubs and then to larger areas like arenas where he would play to crowds of up to 15,000 people.

The CD consists of Framptons classics such as *Day In The Sun* and *I'm In You* .

Frampton has the soft, yet hard sounding rhythm of his guitar which sets the beat for his songs like *You*. Bob Mayo plays the keyboards with a passionate rhythm that gets the crowd screaming especially in the beginning of *Most Of All* .

Frampton created this legacy within his time which is worthwhile for the younger fans who have only recently tuned in. He has carried the 1970s roots of his music and transpired them into today's listening. Most of Frampton's songs were released in the 70s. Three of his albums went gold in the U.S. like Frampton's, **I'm in you** and **Where should I be. Frampton Comes Alive** was a multi-plantinum album in the U.S.

Frampton has played with many other artists like George Harrison, Harry Nillson, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and David Bowie.

I loved Frampton in the 1960s, I loved him in the 70s, watch out people, Frampton is going to rock the 90s.

ENTERTAINMENT

The good, the bad and the indifferent

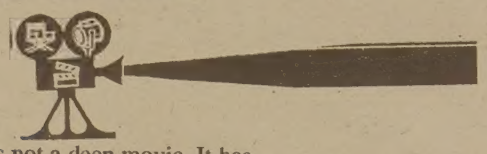
By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Another Jean-Claude Van Damme movie, **Sudden Death**, is now playing at a theater near you. Same old formula — good guys versus bad guys and the hero (Van Damme) comes out on top.

There are two reasons why one should spend $8 on this flick. First, we all know the hero will win, we just don't know how he is going to do it.

So, sit back as you will be treated to some great choreography in the fighting scenes, the plot actually has enough twists and turns to help the story, and the stunts are in the same league as the Die Hard trilogy.

You will even be treated to some good old Canadian hockey (mind you, it's two American teams).



This is not a deep movie. It has some flaws (well, more than some), but it is merely for entertainment purposes, and it should be taken as so.

Second, Raymond J. Barry is the bad guy we seldom see in movies. He will not repeat himself, making him unpredictable and in a way likeable.

By JEFF MACKAY
Staff Writer

Sudden Death, unfortunately starring Jean-Claude Van Damme, is a waste of money, both by the producers and by anyone who goes to see it.

The only enjoyable scene in the whole movie is to see Van Damme get the stuffing kicked out of him by the Pittsburgh Penguins' mascot, Icy Iceburgh.

This movie rips off the Die Hard series of films and the television show MacGyver, with terrorists that fail to deliver terror to the audience and the orangutan-like Van Damme using his mind to solve mechanical problems.

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

Stripped to its bare essentials, **Sudden Death** impacts are few and far between.

Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme perpetuates his pugilistic prowess by pulverizing his prosecutors, that's a stretch. After a firefighting rescue mission goes wrong, our hero is demoted to handling demeaning tasks like changing light bulbs. He is assigned firefighting duties for game seven of hockey's Stanley Cup championship — the poor guy gets no breaks.

Our hero finds himself in a perfect setting to explore his gun handling techniques, thank God for the gun 101 class offered at firefighting school. Ironically, the fastest game alive — hockey, plays background to this slowly developing movie.

In the end our hero overcomes the man-disadvantage situation to put the bad guys offside. Unfortunately, the audience never discovers who wins the hockey game. Too bad.

M O V I E

Canadian stars rock the Falls

About 50,000 people turned out in Niagara Falls on New Year's Eve to hear Cape Breton's "demon fiddler" Ashley MacIssac. The east coast fiddling sensation shared the stage with blues guitarist Colin James and country crooner Michelle Wright. Portions of the six-hour musical extravaganza were broadcast live, on televison, across the country.

Photo by Will Webster

Wolves, frogs and zords-Oh my!

By BOB GILES
Staff Writer

The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers 'morph' to the big screen.

Tyrannosaurus! Mastodon! Triceratops! Pterodactyl! Sabertooth Tiger! White Tiger! These are the words five ordinary teenagers yell to transform themselves into the Power Rangers.

For the first time the Power Rangers have now hit the movie screen with special effects even more sensational than the television series.

The show starts with the teens having a little California fun.

The villains from the TV series, Lord Zed and Rita Repulsa, make an appearance at the beginning, only to be locked away by a new enemy that they help release.

Enter Ivan Ooze.

Ivan is made of some kind of purple ooze (it was never stated from what kind). We don't know where he came from, just that he is over five million years old.

Ivan has a tremendous hate for the Power Rangers because of their leader Zordon, who is an interdimensional being.

Ivan destroys the command centre where Zordon is kept and the Rangers lose their powers to morph and to command the dino-zords. The dino-zords or zords are the robotic animals the rangers command after their transformation. Five of these animals connect into one.

If the tyrannosaurus is the main zord, then it is called the Mega-Zord; with the white tiger as the main it is called the Ultra Tiger Mega-Zord. The six zord (the tiger or tyrannosaurus) is left to help the Mega-Zord destroy the enemy of the day.

The Rangers must go on a search for a new power, Nin-jiti.

They must face a force that will then deem them worthy of the power and the new zords they will obtain upon completion.

The new animal zords are a bear, wolf, frog, phoenix, ape, and falcon.

The zord sequences were all digitally graphed on scaled sets of a make-believe city called Angel Grove.

The 95-minute story is true to the TV series in all aspects of the story line, characters, villains, right down to all the martial arts action.

Young and old who enjoy the martial arts and who love to fantasize about the future will find this movie highly entertaining.

The video was released Nov. 21, for $14.56 plus tax at Jumbo Video.

HeadStones get physical

By MILAN DURCO
Staff Writer

The HeadStones, a Canadian band from Kingston, Ont., have really gotten to the heart of the matter with their new CD release **Teeth and Tissue.**

The CD Teeth and Tissue clearly represents the HeadStones as a loud, yet serious group which brings fans into its world and lets them experience it all.

The group is made up of Hugh Dillon on vocals and harp, Trent Carr on guitars and vocals, Tim White on bass and vocals, and Dale Harrison on drums are the members of the band.

The HeadStones new release includes 13 tracks similar to the style of music in their last CD **Picture of Health**, which is could be labelled as punkish, alternative rock.

I guess the HeadStones don't believe in saving the best for last. Their first song *Hindsight* proves my theory as it attacks your senses with a strong instrumental sound.

The HeadStones demonstrate a true professionalism by continuing the energy created by the first song into the second track *Unsound.*

Teeth and Tissue isn't just crazy rock and roll, *Hearts, Love and Honour, Dime Size Drops*, display the gentle side of the HeadStones.

Don't let the HeadStones' clubband status fool you. In their first touring raid in Toronto fans were known to rip out the plumbing of the bathroom walls to express their gratitude.

Teeth and Tissue is a good CD with excellent sound, by a slowly up and coming Canadian band.

The Red Cross touches the lives of millions of people every day. In fact, for over 100 years, people everywhere, regardless of race or religion, have depended on the World Red Cross Movement for humanitarian service. The Red Cross needs your financial help to continue to provide its vital service, and one way to help is by making a bequest: a provision in your will for the Red Cross Society. Talk it over with your lawyer or estate planner, and remember, a gift to the Red Cross is a gift that will go on giving.

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Blood awards

By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

The presentations of the annual Red Cross Blood Donor Awards were handed out on Nov. 30.

Robert Baddeley, director of Niagara College's Allied Health Services division, presented the Corpsuckle Cup plaque to the Ambulance and Emergency Care program, which donated 26 per cent of the 209 pints of blood donated at the Oct. 11 clinic.

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Rick Chandler, Ambulance and Emergency Care program co-ordinator, attended the award ceremony.

The Law and Security Administration (LASA) program - Year Two was presented with the Buddy Blood Drop Jr. Trophy.

Mark DeRuyte and Kelly Theal accepted the award on behalf of their program, which made 24 per cent of the donations. Heather Hodgson, LASA co-ordinator, also attended the award ceremonies.

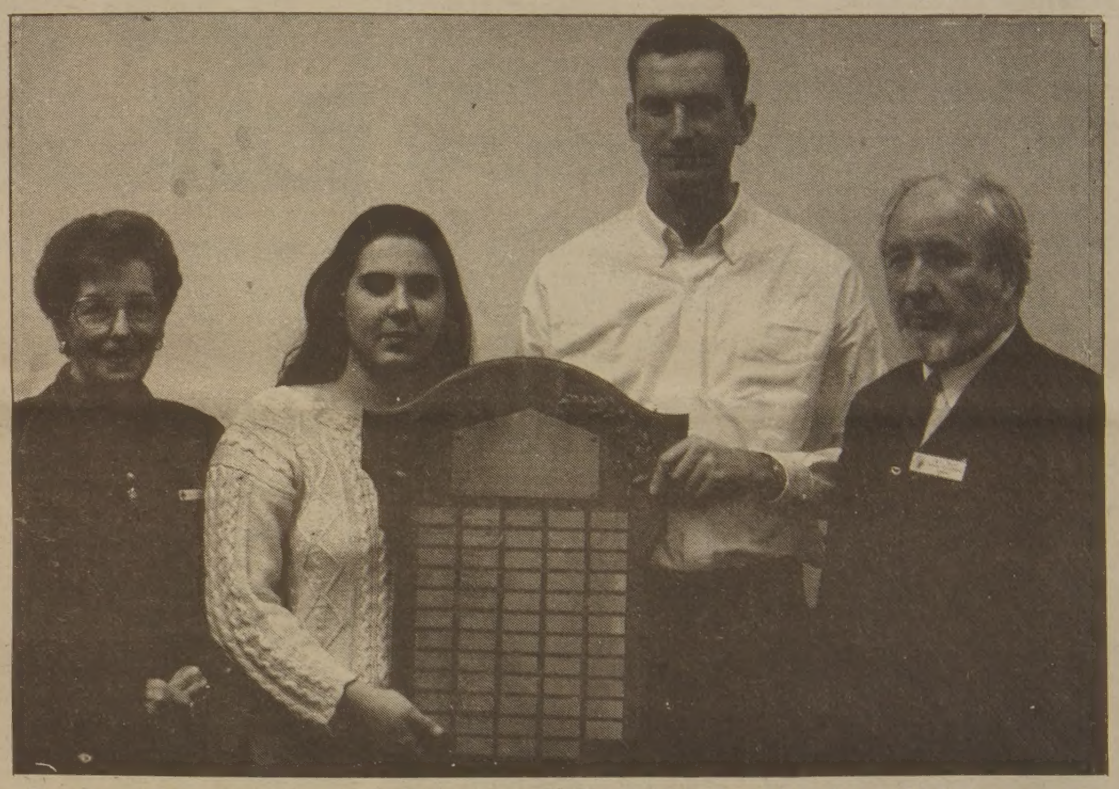
Your gift is life!

Jacquie DeForest and Ron Mottola accepted the Staff Award on behalf of the Management Information Services staff, who donated three pints of blood.

Mike Matkowski, Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president external affairs, also attended the ceremonies. SAC was a sponsor of the blood donor clinic.

Red Cross Representative Yvette Puson presents the blood donor staff award to Jacquie Deforest for Management Information Services as David Davies, acting vice-president of academics, looks on.

Photo by Erin Pinchin



Red Cross Representative Yvette Puson presents Crystal Budd and Ken Bonk, Ambulance and Emergency Care program students, with the Corpsuckle Cup plaque as David Davies, acting vice-president of academics, looks on.

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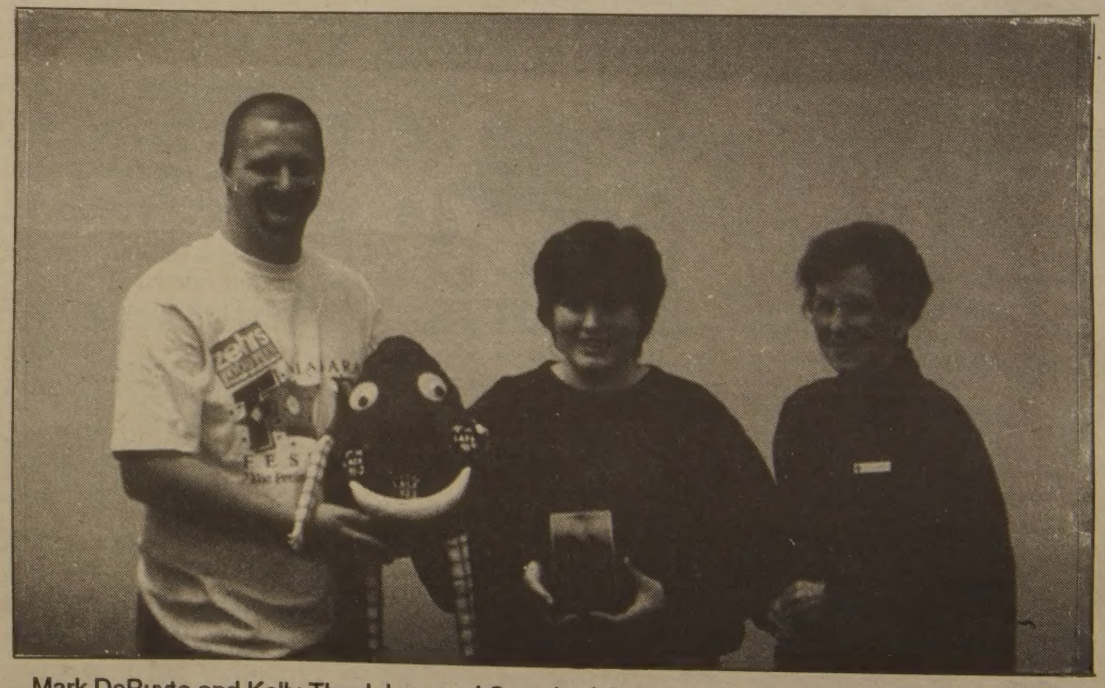

Mark DeRuyte and Kelly Theal, Law and Security Administration program students, accept the Buddy Blood Drop Jr. Trophy from Red Cross representative Yvette Puson.

Photo by Erin Pinchin

New hair, new city

By LEAH LAPRISE
Staff Writer

I'm sitting in a booth at Donut Diner on Niagara Street in Welland, waiting for Heather Garand, my best friend, to arrive. I check my watch and as I lift my head I hear the door open.

In walks a girl, about 5'7", with the most hideous hair cut/color I've ever seen. It's not Heather, because she had chin-length, pumpkin-colored hair the last time I saw her. This girl's hair is a bright, golden blond, cropped so short it's almost a buzz. She turns her head and makes eye contact with me.

"Hey buddy! What's up?" It's Heather.

My first question was obvious.

"What did you do to your hair?"

"I was sick of my hair, I was sick of my parents, and I was sick of Welland. So I dyed my hair and moved to London (Ont.)" She says this matter-of-factly, as if it was what anyone would do in her situation. But Heather isn't afraid of change, or of trying anything new.

In October, Heather, 19, was bored with her job, her city, and her life, so she picked up everything and moved away to be on her own.

"It's like a big city but not really. There's so many trees, and green all around. I think I'd feel at home in any big city because I love just looking at all the people, and I love it that there's something to do every night of the week."

Heather has lived in Welland most of her life, with her parents, Pat and Sandy, her older sister, Tara, and two recent arrivals, her cats Vegas and Reno.

Suddenly Heather slams her hands excitedly on the table. Coffee spills out of our steaming cups.

"I forgot to tell you! I'm going to be starting school in a couple of weeks."

"Yes you heard me correctly," she looks a little hurt, but continues on with enthusiasm.

"It's an elite, private college. I'm enrolled in a lab technician course."

Heather is beaming. Her freckled-face is practically glowing.

Heather never graduated high school. She says she has probably the equivalent of a Grade 11 education.

"I hated high school," she says, then goes on to explain.

"Not necessarily the social part of it. I think I liked socializing a little too much."

Heather was a grade behind all of her friends, and when they went to college and university she remained at Centennial by herself.

"I was surrounded by all these little skids and backpackers and they were so annoying. I hated it so I started skipping and going home, or not going at all."

"Centennial is such a small school that they (the teachers) all know who you are before you get in their classes. I was the one who always skipped. But I always had a damn good excuse. The Birth Control Clinic was a good one until they started to call and actually check that I'd been there." Heather was very well-known in the attendance office of Centennial.

She was also well known for the vibrant shades of red she used to dye her hair, and her "weird thumbs."

"They have no nails because I bit them off, and they're really stumpy."

I lead Heather away from our high school years back to her new school. She tells me how she had to basically talk her way into it. She had an interview but she had to do all the talking. It doesn't surprise me that she did well because Heather, with her winning smile, has always been able to talk her way into or out of anything.

Heather lights a smoke and crosses her legs. I notice a change in her even though she's only been gone for three weeks. It must be getting accepted to school. People have been telling her all her life that she would never make it, but she has made it, and totally on her own.

SPORTS

Men's volleyball team wins 'crucial' game

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Niagara College Knights men's volleyball team tallied its second win against Nippissing University Lakers on Jan. 12 on home court.

The Niagara's early lead fell as they lost the first set 15-14. The players regrouped taking three straight sets 15-13, 15-12 and 15-9.

Coach Blair Cudmore said the game was "crucial" for Niagara's playoff chances.

Alexis Saddler had a big game with 21 kills and two stuff blocks for 23 points. Pat Deschambeault earned 13 kills with two stuff blocks for 15 points. A kill is an unreturned spike. A stuff block is when a spike is blocked at the net.

Saddler and Deschambeault represented Niagara in the West Division All-Star Team last weekend, at Loyalist College in Belleville. Niagara's assistant coach Ray Sarkis was the coach for the team.

Niagara was victorious in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Division I for the first time this season on Nov. 17.

The Knights defeated Ancaster's Redemeer Royals at home winning three of four sets. They won the first two by scores of 15-9 and 15-11, lost the third set 15-13, but pulled the win by taking the fourth set 15-10.

A strong Knights offensive attack salvaged their weak defensive output.

Deschambeault and Paul Clark tallied the most points offensively for the Knights with 18 and 17 points respectively. Saddler contributed with 14 kills, while Warren Belle had nine.

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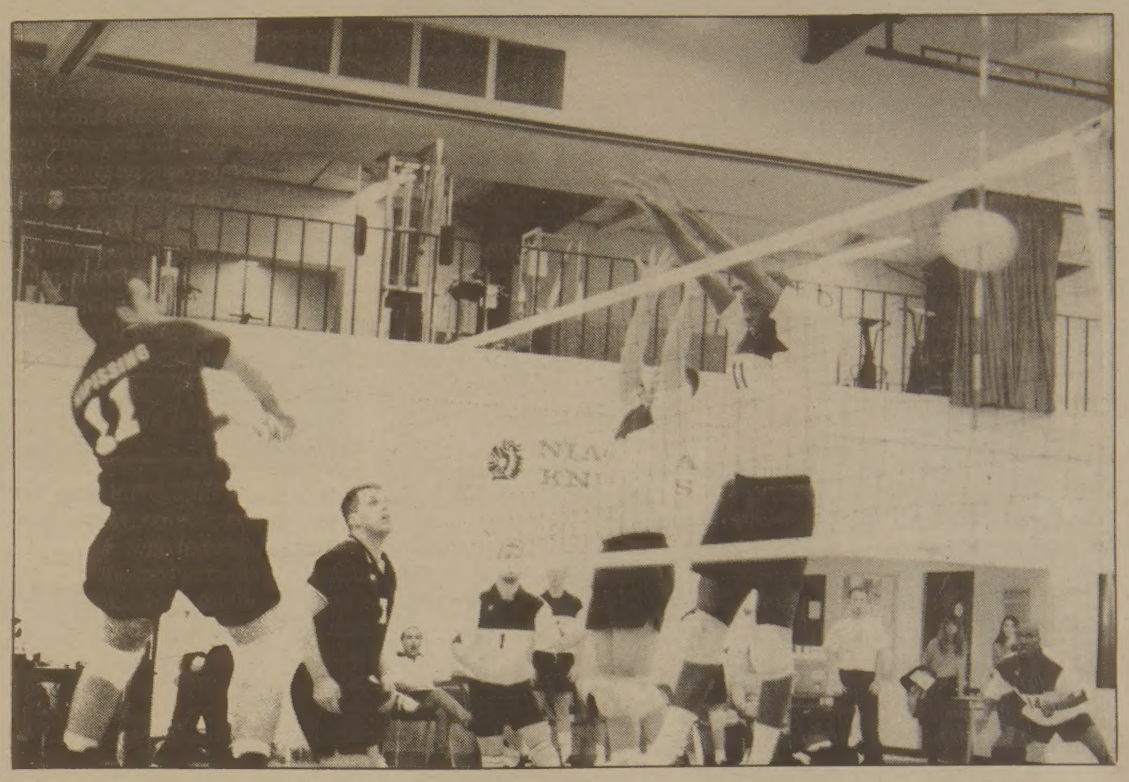
The Knights lost to the Mohawk Mountaineers last year in between the two wins. Coach Sarkis declined to comment on the loss as it is "in the past, worry about the present," he said.

The present looks bright as the Knights have a 2-0 record in the new year.

Next league game will be at home in the Welland campus gym against the Humber Hawks on Friday, Jan. 19 at 8:30 p.m.



Niagara College's Alexis Saddler (11) goes for the block in the win against Nippissing University.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

Female basketball team seeks playoff spot

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

A score-clock which wouldn't start was a sign of things to come for the George Brown Huskies. The Knights took advantage of all that went wrong for the Huskies to take their third win of the season 60-44.

It was a very close game in the first half as the teams traded the lead throughout and were tied 29-29 at the half.

Manie Roy came up big in the first half with 12 points but was sidelined for the rest of the game due to illness. Juli MacLeran stepped up to fill in for Roy by scoring 18 points in the second half alone.

The Knights' playing was very aggressive and helped them take control of the game. They were also quick to the rebound and a tough defence made the difference.

Shelley Holden finished with 12 points in the contest and stroked two shots from downtown for six points. It was a great second-half performance by the whole team.

Coach Brian Bleich said the game was well played and the win places them one step closer to the play offs.

The crowd went wild as Niagara College's women basketball team dodged the bullet taking its second win of the season in Ontario College Athletic Assocation (OCAA) action against the Mohawk Mountaineers.

A tight 39-38 score started the Knights' new year at home.

Taking an early 7-4 lead the Knights maintained it for five minutes against a team which had defeated them in an earlier pre-season game 50-45.

In the close contest both teams missed shots and made erratic passes, but the Knights took the upper hand by being first to the rebounds.

Nonetheless, Manie Roy (the highest scorer in the game against Ancaster Redemeers) came up big as she gathered 18 points in the contest.

The Knights held a convincing 21-14 lead by half time.

For 15 minutes in the second half, the team increased its lead to 39-30, but things took a different twist in the game's last five minutes.

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The Knights couldn't produce any points and let the Mountaineers cut the Knights' lead to 39-38, with 50 seconds left on the clock.

Mohawk couldn't produce the tying basket thanks to a tough Niagara defense. On a Niagara foul Mohawk was awarded two free throws which could have won the game with two seconds left in the half.

The Mountaineers choked and missed both shots to give the Knights their second win of the season.

Niagara's first win came Dec. 1.

The Knights defeated the Redemeer Royals, at Ancaster, 61-48 in a battle of the teams searching for their first win.

It was three minutes into the game before Niagara, after a shaky start against Redeemer's zone defence, hit the scoreboard as Manie Roy (44) powered her way for the deuce. Her teammates kept feeding her the ball time after time to help her gather a game-leading 16 points.

A definite 28-22 lead was taken when Michelle Pring put the Knights ahead 23-21 11 minutes into the game with two free throws.

The Knights were fired up for the last half with Shelley Holden striking it from downtown for three of her nine points and Julie MaLaren's tough playing producing 10 more.

The Knights benefited from the hustle and intense defense of Stephanie Lawson, the team's spark plug.

All players saw action during the game and all contributed at least one point in the contest.

Coach Brian Bleich said there was improvement in the playing and the win "was a good confidence builder."

Last year, the Knights finished with an OCAA record of 1-4 and an overall 5-13 record. This year (so far) their record is 2-0 in the OCAA.

The next game will be against the Humber Hawks on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Shelley Holden (22) flies by a Mohawk player as the Knights defeated the Mountaineers 39-38. The win was the second of the season, and the first of the new year.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

SPORTS

New year brings new hopes for basketball team

By BRIAN BOWMAN
Staff Writer

With a new year, comes new hope and new promise; a chance to forget the past and embrace the future.

Coming off a disappointing 1995, Niagara's men's basketball team is hoping the hangovers suffered on New Year's Day will be the last of what seemingly was a season of headaches.

It was a pre-season consumed with much excitement and anticipation of the year ahead, but was quickly transformed into a season of discontent and disappointment.

This was a team that welcomed the return of its top three scorers from last season. All-Star guard Mike Hurley (18.6 points a game); six-foot-four forward Derek Flindall (13.8 points a game); and the six-foot-five Beamsville native Adriaan Knaap, all returned to the Knights' lineup.

Add to the mix, college transfers Rheinhold Klassen (Sheridan); and Paul Weekes (Durham); a six-foot-three swingman from North York, and you have the basis for a solid basketball team.

So what happened?

Inconsistency became their greatest nemesis. Niagara would teasingly offer the coaching staff a glimmer of elite basketball against such powers as the No. 1 Division III school in the U.S., Wilkes, Pa., and Canadian rival Sheridan College of Oakville. They proved they could run-and-gun with the Big Boys, showing an ability to compete against the best in college basketball.

A mid-November scoring

Inconsistency became their greatest nemesis

drought on the road proved to be the low point for Niagara in '95. A pair of embarrassing losses, 81-60 to Fanshawe College on Nov. 21 (which saw the Knights produce a season low 23 first-half points), followed by a 93-66 pounding at the hands of Windsor's St. Clair College, left head coach Randy Conlon shaking his head in disgust.

"Like Jimmie said (Knights' assistant coach Jim Marando) 'We can play with anybody, the best teams like Sheridan, or the worst teams. Whoever we're playing — we seem to play at their level,'" said Conlon, the second-year coach. "It's been real frustrating for the coaching staff to figure out."

The close of the 1995 season saw the Knights stagger to a 2-4 league record at the break. A disappointing record for a team which envisioned itself reaching the playoffs and ultimately the Final Four.

With the change of the calendar, there is new hope for wins in '96.

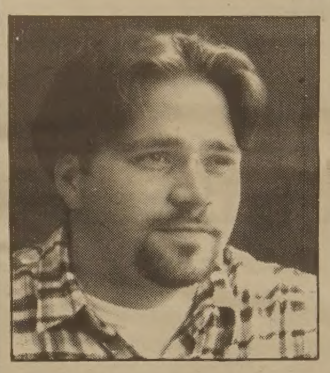
A pair of victories; a 66-59 home victory over Hamilton's Mohawk College on Jan. 9, and a 75-70 win over Sarnia's Lambton College on Jan. 11, started the Knights in the right direction early in the new year. They weren't the prettiest of wins enjoyed by Conlon, but wins nonetheless.

"They weren't pretty," he said. "But wins are wins regardless of how we played. Right now we're 4-4, and our goal for the second half is to go 6-2 and finish 10-6 in order have a good chance of making the playoffs. Our goal all along has been to make the playoffs and go from there."

Mike Hurley, the high-scoring Knight guard, led Niagara's offence by averaging 19 points in the two wins.

Niagara's next home game is Friday, Feb. 2 against Sault College from Sault Ste. Marie. The league's All-Star Game is set for Saturday at Durham College in Toronto.

Cowboys to win Super Bowl?



By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

From football to hockey — trades, signings and rumors are running wild in the world of sports.

In the National Football League, one of the greatest coaches of all-time Don Shula retired from the Miami Dolphins and from the shadows came Jimmy Johnson.

Johnson, who led the Dallas Cowboys to two championships, has sparked new hope for the hungry fans of Miami. With Johnson at the controls, look for some big movement of players and the possibility of a Super Bowl in the next two years.

Dallas and the Pittsburgh Steelers will play in the Jan. 28 Super Bowl. It should be a wonderful game. Look for the Cowboys to take the win.

In the National Hockey League, the Edmonton Oilers traded their main fixture for the past few seasons, goalie Bill Ranford. In return, the Oilers got more prospects and hope for the future. But what about now?

The Great One, Wayne Gretzky, is rumored to be traded and the front runners appear to the St. Louis Blues and New York Rangers. Is the trade really worth it considering the possibility the Great One will hang up his skates in the next few seasons?

The Toronto Maple Leafs are the same old Leafs, at the brink of greatness or failure. They still seem to be interested in Kirk Muller of the New York Islanders, but the light of hope is burning out.

In the Canadian Football League, for those who care, one the CFL's greatest quarterbacks Doug Flutie is being shopped around by Larry Ryckman, owner of the Calgary Stampeders. Ryckman seems to be in financial trouble and is looking to dump Flutie's $1 million contract. Also, the American teams are struggling and with the exception of the Baltimore Stallions, it looks like the venture into the U.S. will fail.

After an interesting 1995 in the world of sports, the new year brings a promise of excitement and only time will tell what will happen.

Stay tuned.

Sports firm looking for employees

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Triple Crown Sports, of Niagara Falls, is offering the chance of a lifetime with internship and road crew job opportunities.

"This is definitely geared towards someone looking for event management and marketing experience as well as sports administration exposure," said Paul Howie, director of road hockey and soccer events.

The opportunities include road trips, exposure to sporting event administration and on-the-job training in production and management skills.

"The road crew job starts in May with mostly weekend work and travel. All expenses are paid and minimum wage is offered," said Howie.

Triple Crown is a grassroots sports marketing organization, established in 1982, to organize and produce adult slo-pitch softball tournaments. The firm has continued its expansion into the amateur sports marketing and production world with new programs in a variety of sports.

"This is not an opportunity to let pass by," said Howie. "Look into it and give us a call and let us know about you. With lots of cuts in recreation we're the company that will be hiring."

Producing over 500 events in five sports across North America, Triple Crown is expanding daily with new events, sports and locations. Some sporting events include basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer and street hockey.

Howie said some of the assets people could bring to the team are strong interpersonal skills, marketing and selling experience and ideas.

For more information contact Howie at (905) 374-8822 or mail your resume to Triple Crown Sports, 4735 Kent Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont. L2H IJ3, or fax it at (905) 374-3089.

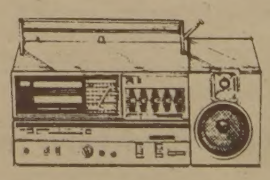
New sports show on FAN 590

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

The FAN 590 AM, a Toronto radio station, and David Grossman, a Toronto Star sports reporter, are giving college and university sports a voice on the radio dial.

"I think the show's going to be great," said Grossman.

The show gives coverage to college and university sports and coverage to what's happening in the local communities. The



program was launched Nov. 12 and runs Sundays from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"The FAN deserves a lot of credit. It is opening a window that no other radio station has done," said Grossman.

The open window is an opportunity for those who have aspirations to a career in sports coverage.

Grossman is the show's host while featuring a different co-host each week. The co-host for each show will be determined by giving the best reason to be on the air. When the show finishes its run for the year, one individual could win a $5,000 bursary as the best co-host.

"If the show is anything like the high school show, it will be a success," said Grossman.

Niagara represented at all-star game

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association male and female volleyball all-star games were held at Loyalist College in Belleville Jan. 13.

The Niagara College volleyball teams were represented by Jennifer Macmillan and Pat Deschambeault, while team captain Laura Chatterton and Alexis Saddler went as alternates.

Each team picked two players with one player going as an replacement if the other got hurt.

Both games were played in an East-meets-West format.

Niagara College's Ray Sarkis was coach for the West All-Star team.

He said both Macmillan and Deschambeault represented Niagara "very well."

The men's match went five games with the West team defeating the East team by scores of 15-9, 11-15, 15-10, 10-15 and 15-9.

The women's match also went five games but the East team won by scores of 15-9, 3-15, 15-13, 6-15 and 15-9.

Volunteers help find missing children

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

She could have decided not to get involved and go on with her life.

Instead, Jodie Giammarco, of Niagara Falls, elected to take action.

Three years ago she was informed of a young school-aged child who was not attending school. Later, that same child was in need of medical attention, but was not receiving it for reasons unknown.

There were other things that sent up "red flags," said Giammarco, so she notified the police.

Police investigation discovered a warrant for this person, who was the child's parent. This explains why the child's identity was being hidden. The child was returned to its legal guardian and the parent arrested.

Giammarco could have stopped there. Instead she saw a further need for the protection of children and founded the Child Find Ontario-Niagara Region Chapter.

The Niagara chapter office is located at 5627 Main St., in Niagara Falls. Giammarco said it is not manned during regular business hours, but by calling (905) 374-1677 you can leave a message.

To report a missing child or the sighting of one, call 1-800-387-7962. This connects you with the head office in Oakville, said Giammarco. Head office deals directly with police and searching parents to provide "uniformity", she said.

If you suspect a child has been abducted or gone missing, get as much information as possible. A description of the vehicle and the licence number, along with a description of the adult and the child are useful.

Try to do this without alerting the person. "Once they realize they are being watched, they'll flee," said Giammarco.

Call the police or the head office 1-800-387-7962. Information like this is automatically shared with police. Whatever you do, "don't confront the person," said Giammarco.

In the case of a parental child abduction, Child Find requires the child's birth certificate and proof of custody before getting directly involved, said Giammarco. Once the case is accepted, Child Find works with police and social organizations, keeping in direct contact with the family to provide them with emotional support.

Runaways are the most common form of missing children. Parental child abduction ranks second in Canada with Ontario having a very "high ratio" in this category said Giammarco.

Of the 54,000 cases of missing children registered with RCMP in Canada each year, 45,000 are runaways. A child could run away 15 times and each time it is registered as a case, so the numbers are slightly misleading, said Giammarco.

In Ontario 18,000 children are reported missing. Of those, 52 are registered with Child Find Ontario.

The Niagara chapter has had one missing child "registered" in the three years of its existence.

Child Find is more than the posters we see across the country, said Giammarco. "Our mandate is to educate children and adults about abduction, as well as assist parents in the search process when necessary, in the form of posters and flyers."

Local chapters are all manned on a voluntary basis and "we are always looking for volunteers," said Giammarco. A volunteer must be 18, pass a security clearance and be willing to help out at least four hours a month.

Most volunteers are trained in finger-printing for child registration. They also go throughout the community speaking on how to streetproof children and inform parents on how they can protect their children.

As chair of the Niagara chapter, Giammarco is committed to what she does. As for any emotional pressure the position may have, Giammarco said she doesn't have to deal with parents directly so the tragedy of child abduction doesn't affect her as it might actual case workers. Each volunteer handles child abduction in their own way, she said.

Besides the local chapter work, volunteers attend conferences where parents of abducted or murdered children tell their tragic stories. "It has a dramatic impact on everyone," Giammarco said, adding, "that's when the reality really hits home."

Goodbye to Saso

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

John Saso Day was held at Niagara College in Welland on Dec. 18.

The event gave college staff and local politicians an opportunity to say goodbye to the former Niagara College president. Saso served as president for five years.

Friends and associates gathered at the Student Centre at the Welland campus to celebrate John Saso Day.

Saso announced his resignation in July after accepting a position with the Law Society of Upper Canada in Toronto.

He said the "new job will be different, there are some similarities with law schools but there are a lot of differences."

Dan Patterson, former vice-president of Ventures at the St. Catharines campus, has taken over as president of the college.

Helene Moscato, executive assistant to the president, said she was "delighted Dan is the new president. I have a lot of confidence in him, I've seen him work while John was still here.

"John will be sorely missed, I've truly enjoyed working with him," said Moscato.

The reception was open to the college community. Niagara Region chairman Brian Merrett, Thorold Mayor Mal Woodhouse, acting director of physical resources at Niagara, and Welland-Thorold MPP Peter Kormos, attended the party to say goodbye to Saso.

Increase in enrolment

By MARK FERENCE
Staff Writer

Students seem to be getting used to the idea of starting college in January.

In fact, Niagara College has the highest number of confirmed January-Start applications in Ontario.

January-Start enrolment to Jan. 12 is up 126 students to 605 from 479.

"The college is really starting to turn into a year-round college," said Al Vaughan, registrar at Niagara College. "We're projecting record enrolment."

In fact, total enrolment, including returning students and January starts, is up to 4,759 from 4,545. The 10th day of classes is a good indication of total enrolment, projected to be around 4,950, a 4.6 per cent increase over last year.

"Many factors are contributing to this increase," said Vaughan. "The theme we've been using for a few years is to be an invitational college. We want to attract students and make them feel comfortable here."

Niagara College has offered three new programs this year. Call Centre Management, Child/Youth Worker and Correctional Worker programs have helped in the increase.

"Niagara College has had steady growth in enrolment over the last six years. It's a real positive sign," said Vaughan. "The school has put in a lot of effort and it clearly shows success, both in the staff and the students."

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Korean ESL students enjoying life in Canada

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Two students from Korea are learning new customs in Canada.

Kyung Nam Kang, 25, and Ki Chul Moon, 24, are first-year students in the English as a Second Language program.

They say they came to Canada together and enjoy learning the English language. They offered a number of observations on life in Canada.

Kang says adjusting to Canadian food is difficult. "In Korea the foods are very spicy."

Moon says transportation is expensive. He says he lives close to the college but sometimes gets lost when he visits friends.

Kang says the weather in Korea is usually above zero degrees Celsius. "It snows only two or three times in the winter."

"The times when you do see snow is when you see a mountain," says Moon.

Kang says the Korean educational system differs. In high school, one class consists of 55 to 60 people but that has been recently lowered to 40 to 45 students.

Moon and Kang say they have seen Niagara Falls, Quebec City, Montreal and Toronto.

"The Niagara Falls attraction is fantastic," they agree.

Moon says Canadians experience different cultures.

"Canadians can learn different kinds of language in their country. In Korea, there is one language spoken," says Moon.

They say Canadian customs are different. In Korea the men have a schedule. In the morning they go to work and in the evening they visit friends.

"We both would like to go back to Korea and study economics in university when we're done school."

Kang says he would like to get a job. "I hope my English becomes very good so I won't be scared to work in Canada."

Ki Chul Moon (left) and Kyung Nam Kang are good friends from Korea experiencing new Canadian customs.

Photo by Tracy Laprise

New horizons for 2 area public schools

By STEPHANIE BONNER
Staff Writer

New technology, new building and new horizons exists for Welland's Quaker Road and Lloyd Rice School.

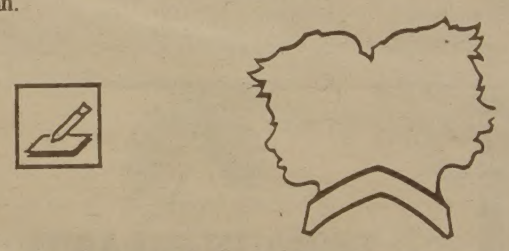
Both facilities closed last spring to revamp curricula implemented in September.

Quaker Road School is now on the "cutting edge in technology," said Alice Russell, communications officer for the Niagara South Board of Education.

Richard Rossi, vice-principal at Quaker Road School, agreed. The school is "leading edge," said Rossi.

Rossi explained the school has a lab of 16 networked computers, a four-computer library with CD ROM and two computers in each classroom. The plans are to add two more computers plus a printer in each room.

Last October, sod was turned on the building site for the new Quaker Road School, directly beside the old institution. When the school closed for the summer, the original building was torn down and reconstruction began.



Originally serving Grades 4 to 8, Quaker Road School now offers Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 in the amalgamation of students from Lloyd Rice. The latter is now a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 French-language school.

Since Lloyd Rice School was only SK-3 to begin with, it was decided that the school was no longer needed. The school did not, however close its doors. Instead, it has converted to a JK-3 French language school.

"It is a necessary service," said Rachel Poulin, Lloyd Rice vice-principal. "Students from this area, who wanted to go to school, had to travel by bus until now."

Welland has a large francophone population. The school was converted to accommodate children wanting to attend a French language facility, explained Poulin. Francophone children from Welland living north of Thorold Road as well as those in Pelham, are enrolled.

The name Lloyd Rice School was dropped with "Nouvelle Horizon" the official name on Nov. 10. The name was selected recently from 200 entries submitted by French language students in the area.

LASA visits detention centre

By PATTY MALLAIS
Staff Writer

Thorold Detention Centre or summer camp?

To Sherri Slipak, 19, a second-year Law and Security Administration (LASA) program student, the difference wasn't easily seen.

Slipak and other LASA students visited the detention centre Nov. 16 to observe the workings of a minimum, medium and maximum security facility.

Slipak said her image of incarceration has been changed by what she saw.

She said the inmates were working out, playing cards and joking around "like they were having a great old time."

Slipak said she was concerned about the safety of the guards because many of the inmates weren't handcuffed when being escorted to doctor and counselling appointments.

"When I thought of jail, I thought of some place bad," said Slipak.

Even though the maximum sentence served at the Thorold Detention Centre is two years less a day, Slipak said she thought the lifestyle would be a little more harsh.

The way teachers explain things in class isn't at all like what she saw in Thorold, said Slipak.

Slipak said this visit has not changed her mind about the program she has chosen, but has given her a different idea about the jail system or at least the Thorold facility.

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Land Registry views the future

By BEN FISHER
Staff Writer

The Land Registry Act's 200th anniversary in 1995 marked a leap forward to meet the needs of businesses and consumers.

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Ontario uses a computerized system called POLARIS (Province of Ontario Land Registration Information System). Teranet's completed system (*Teraview*) will contain four million records including a digital property map.

Teraview will expand to include the complete land ownership records of all 55 Land Registry offices in Ontario.

When completed, *Teraview* will enable clients online access to an array of land information services.

Teraview allows access to three types of land registration data: text of registered POLARIS documents; digital pictures of the documents; and a topographical map for visual confirmation of property locations.

"We have reason to be proud of the 200 years of professional land services that have played an important role in the settlement and building of Ontario," says Welland Land Registrar Ann Flemming in a news release.

"Over the past two centuries the system has moved from maintaining the integrity of the early partnerships in land transactions to where it is today, situated at the leading edge of delivering customer service through advances in new technology and strategic business alliances," adds Flemming.

Teranet's networks will create a seamless data linkage to over 100 million land registry documents, that if stacked, would be twice the height of Mount Everest.

Teranet, 1991 to 2000

-Total cost of the computerized project is estimated to exceed $300 million.
-Government's cost -- $29 million equity contribution.
-140 employees
-Peak employment is expected to be about 600 people.
-Has agreements with various municipal governments to share costs associated with map building.
-Teraview's system is expected to debut after the year 2000.

Do you know what's going on around Niagara?

By RON WOLF
Staff Writer

Hamilton Room

Colin Campbell, author of *Career Survival for Canadians in the New Global Economy*, will speak on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Topic: **Where The Jobs Are?** Free admission, but you must get a ticket. Call (905) 735-2211 ext. 7756 or fax to (905) 735-5671.

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A variety of part-time courses are offered at Niagara College's three campuses. For more information, call the Welland campus at 735-2211, Niagara Falls campus at 374-7454 or St. Catharines campus at 684-4315.

Dental Office

The dental office is open to the public. Interested people should call the Welland campus at 735-2211 ext. 7758 during regular school hours for costs and appointments.

For Students Only

Last chance for graduating students to get their photos taken. Students must sign up at the Student Administrative Centre office before Jan. 26.

Female basketball players are needed to play varsity basketball. Those interested should contact Niagara's athletic department.

Parking permits can be purchased in the campus store or in ME-101A. Fees are $14 a month or $51 a term.

Off Campus

Niagara Co-Ed Water Polo Club meets at the West Park Pool on Louth Street in St. Catharines, Sunday from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

A $50-a-year membership fee includes insurance and equipment. Call Jennifer Saari at 682-1774 for more information.

Library

A $10-yearly fee is required for all non-students. The hours are Monday to Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Fridays until 5 p.m. The Saturday hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sports

The men's volleyball team plays Oakville's Humber College tonight at 8:30 p.m.

Unspeakable story

Nancy Kimsey

Now the trial is over and the ban is lifted and the wave of authors trying to cash in on the most notorious case in Canada's recent history has begun.

One attempt is *Lethal Marriage: The unspeakable crimes of Paul Bernardo and Karla Homolka*, by Nick Pron, a Toronto Star reporter who covered the case from beginning to end.

The book chronicles the relationship of the infamous couple from courtship to violent end, providing information about the time leading up to the deaths of teens Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French.

Most of the information in the book has been common knowledge in this area since Bernardo's trial. The teens' deaths ended with Bernardo being declared a dangerous offender in October 1995.

Background information on both convicted killers fills in some of the blanks left by the publication ban imposed during Homolka's trial. It fails, however , to answer the question so many Canadians have been asking since she agreed to testify against her ex-husband. How could a seemingly happy, attractive couple commit such unspeakable acts against two innocent schoolgirls?

Parts of the text are taken from the videotape footage of the girls' captivity.

Mahaffy's mother, Debbie, has been lobbying to have the book removed from public sale and library shelves. She lost a recent bid to have it pulled from the shelves of the Burlington library . Meanwhile, St. Catharines libraries aren't making it available.

As a journalist, I am against censorship for any reason, but it is understandable why the girls' parents wouldn' t want this information made available to the public.

Although the book is well written, the graphic details serve no purpose other than to sell more books.

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Many factors affect college's revenue

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Students' tuition was the largest portion of Niagara College's $55 million revenue, totalling $31 million in the 1994-1995 fiscal year, the Board of Governors heard at a meeting held Jan. 11.

In a presentation to the Board entitled "The Business We Are In," Linda Saari, manager of the Ontario Skills Development office, outlined the major sources of the college's revenue.

Saari was a member of a team project dealing with transformation which also included Nicki Howcroft, assistant manager of the Management Information Services department, Leo Tiberi, manager of Employment Services and Bonnie Rose, consultant with Kubiski and Associates.

Tuition accounted for 57 per cent of the revenue in 1994-1995. The total student tuition includes government grants and Continuing Education fees.

Saari said the trends for tuition include a constant deterioration of grants, a rise in the overall number of students, but a decrease in the number of full-time students.

Another major factor affecting tuition is the 15 per cent cut in transfer payments from the province.

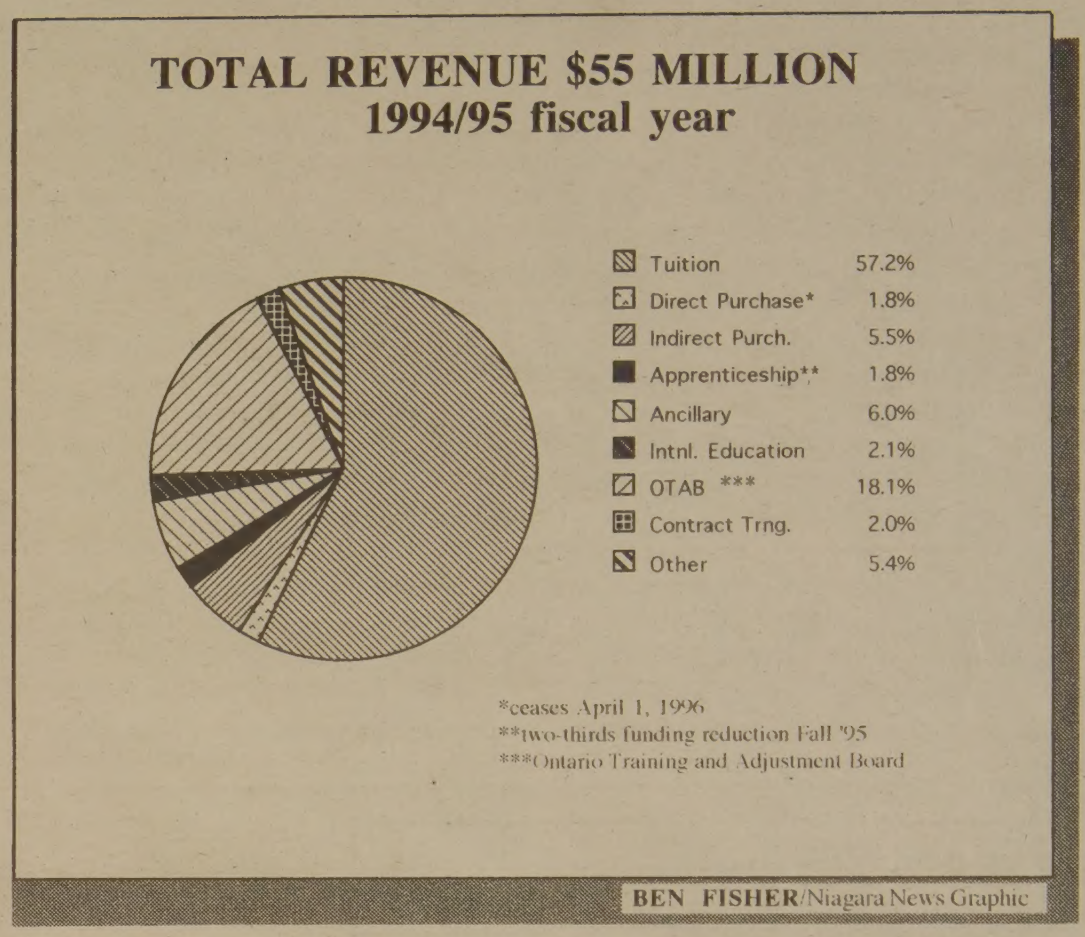
Full-time enrolment is increasing by 50 per cent. However, the operating grant is falling by 40 per cent. This represents the largest impact on revenue, Saari said.

Salary agreements with the province, including the end of the Social Contract, and the flat-lined Capital Equipment Fund are the largest impacts on costs.

The second largest portion of revenue is the Ontario Training and Adjustment Board (OTAB) which represents 18 per cent of revenue totalling $9.9 million. OTAB includes programs such as Futures, JobLink, and the Ontario Skills Development program. Saari told the board this area has been subject to dramatic cutbacks with some programs receiving no funding.

The ancillary portion of the revenue, which includes bookstore sales and parking fees, accounts for six per cent of revenue and totals $3.5 million.

International Education was deemed a growth area of the total revenue. Saari said the program is self-funded and generates $1.25 million of the college's revenue.



Now showing on Hurricane Road — Bus Ballet

A CharterWays school bus got stuck in a ditch on Hurricane Road. There were no children on the bus at the time.

Photo by Milan Durco

2.1 million new learners expected by year 2000

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Transformation is "on track" at Niagara College the Board of Governors heard at a meeting held Jan. 11.

David Schleich, vice-president academic, told the board the provincial funding cuts and the search for a new college president caused only a "few weeks" setback.

According to Schleich, transformation is changing how and what the college does to reflect the impact of a changing educational market.

He outlined a number of factors which influenced this need for transformation. These include changes in student population, student expectations, technology, competition from private trainers and reduced government funding.

Schleich told the board in Canada there will be 2.1 million new learners by the year 2000. He said Canada would need 70 new campuses at a cost of about $2 billion to accommodate the surge, but, he said, that isn't going to happen so the college has to meet the needs in new ways.

Transformation is not a new term at Niagara College. It began with the creation of the Ventures division five years ago and the development of the college's Master Plan which includes the student residence and the Glendale Campus. It has continued with telephone registration and the college's home page on the Internet.

Brief items from SAC's Wednesday meeting

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) meetings are now Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The time change comes with the beginning of the new semester as to accommodate members of council's time schedule, says Bren Biggs, SAC president.

Here are some brief items from Wednesday's SAC meeting:

* SAC members were asked to have their recommendations for changes to the constitution by Friday to Mike Matkowski, vice-president internal, and Paula Dempsey, vice-president executive.
* Wintercourse will take place next week. SAC voted not to spend more than $3,000 to cover the costs of equipment and rentals.
* Class representative meetings will be held on Feb. 1 and 6 during scheduled SAC time.
* SAC voted not to spend more than $1,500 for Sexual Awareness Week. The tentative date is set for March 4 to 8.

Leaping for victory!

Shelley Holden (22) goes for the lay up in the Knights' win against the Redeemer Royals.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

Musician reaches new measures of success

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

In September 1993, Nickie Shaw ventured into a new measure.

After graduating from Niagara College in 1993 she opened her business in Grimsby called Shaw Academy - Music for Life. She has since moved her business to Beamsville. Shaw is a piano teacher.

Her crowning moment came in 1987 when she was awarded the best musical player in jazz-piano category in Canada. After that she was given "opportunities to play with bands throughout Canada, the U.S. and Europe," but had no money to pay for the trips.

This Nova Scotia native says her father helped in realizing the desire to share her musical talents with others. "You provide a service. You are your own boss, and work on your own time," she says about her choice to become self-employed.

She reflects positively on her college experience. "I have learned a lot, especially about advertising." She attributes the increase in the number of students to the most effective form of advertising — word of mouth. In the last two years, she has increased the number of students from nine to 27. Shaw says she advertised through the media and had no response.

Shaw, 26, has successively completed Grade 10 piano and Grade 2 theory in music, which is considered a high achievement in the industry. Among her classical pianist influences are Bach and Mozart.

She says she loves the process of learning and is willing to teach anybody willing to work. Shaw says you don't need to have a natural talent to play, but it helps. It is an advantage much like "a natural talent for rhythm."

Shaw, who spends time commuting to students' homes, can be reached at 563-1919.

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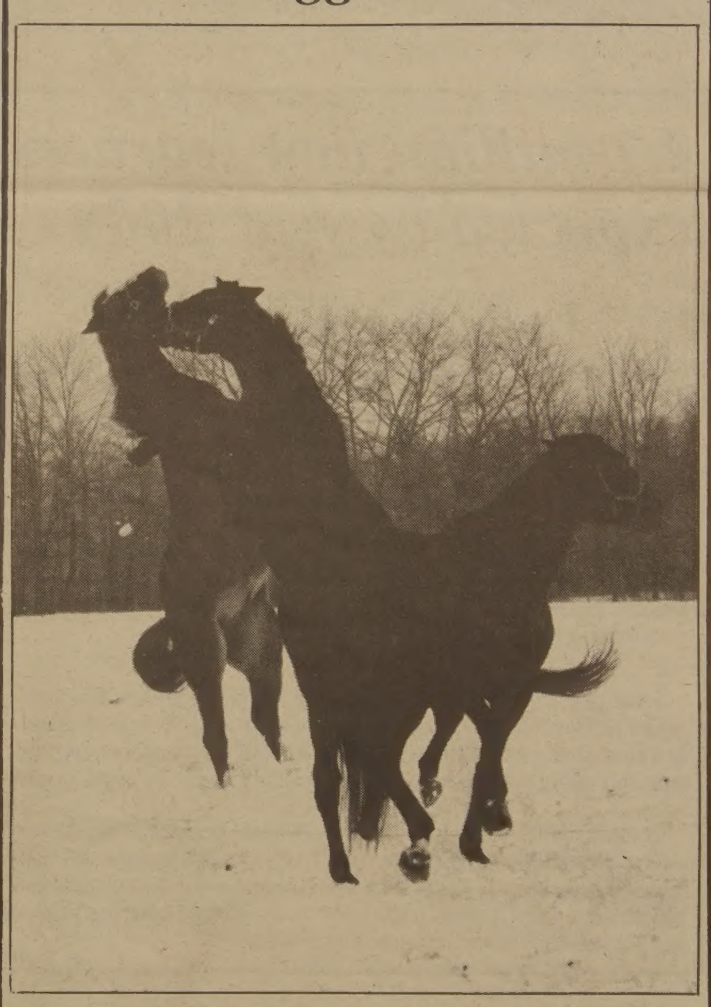

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